Boosting SM and MSSM Higgs searches with Jet Substructure

Adam Martin (aomartin@fnal.gov)

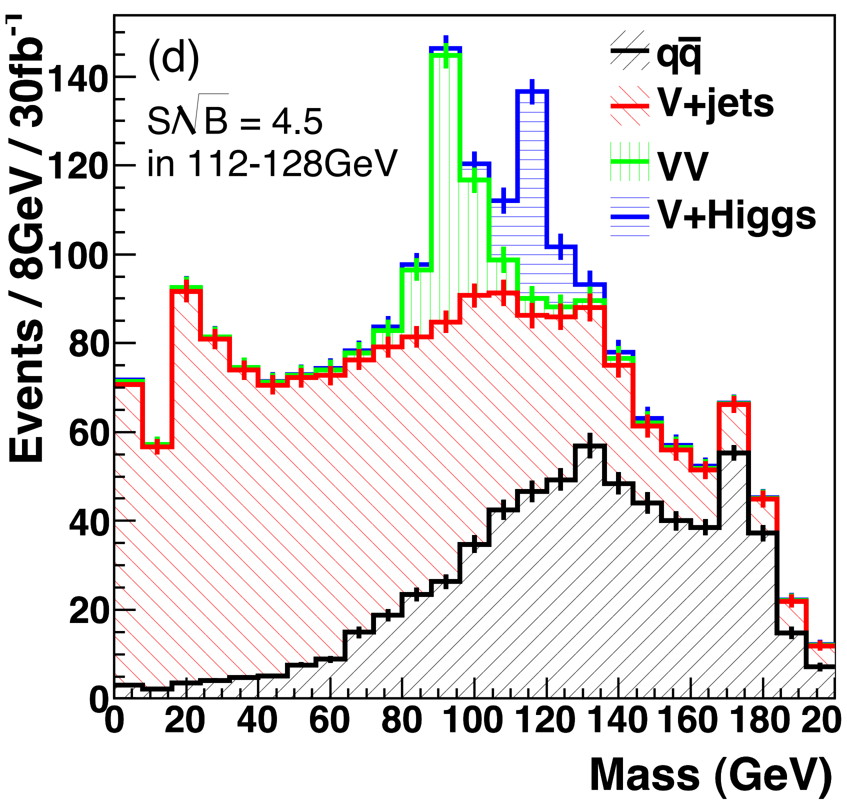
based on work with G. Kribs, T. Roy and M. Spannowsky (U. Oregon) arxiv: 0912.4731, 1006.1656

LHC@BNL, Brookhaven July 12, 2010

Fermilab

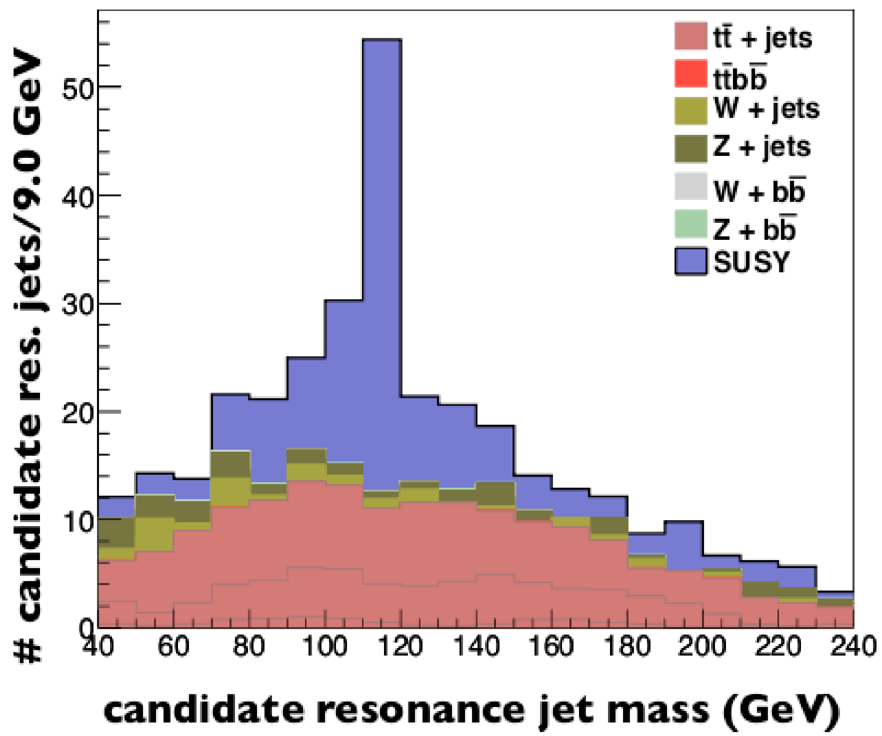
Punchline

A new method (BDRS), using "jet substructure", demonstrates discovery of h -> b,bbar at the LHC for light Higgs masses with $S \approx 4$ for 30 fb^{-1}



We find that light MSSM Higgses are ideally suited to these techniques:

this opens up a new way to look for h (& H,H^{+-},A): Higgses from the decays of heavy sparticles



Could be first h discovery mode (before h -> $\gamma\gamma$, h -> $\tau\tau$) !!

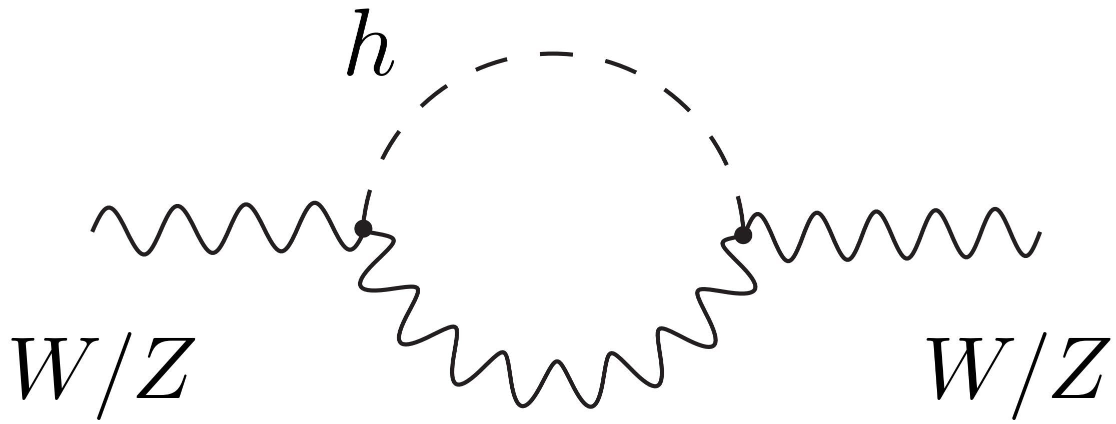
Outline

- Higgs in the SM
- A new handle on h->b bbar
- How jet substructure helps
- Boosted MSSM Higgses
- Substructure for SUSY

Higgs in the SM

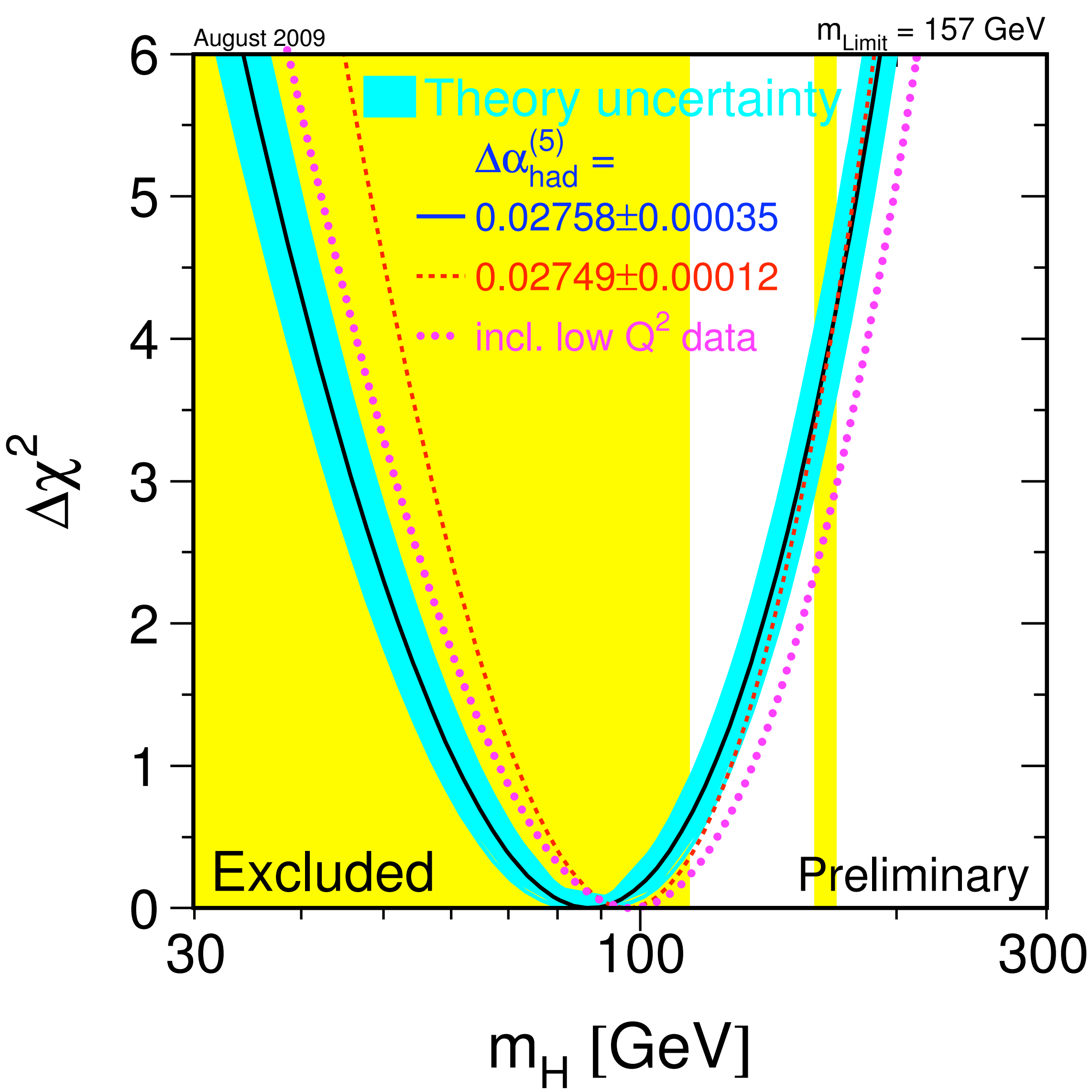
Where is the Higgs?

dependence on Higgs mass enters via virtual electroweak effects



Precise measurements of EW observables indirectly bound m_H

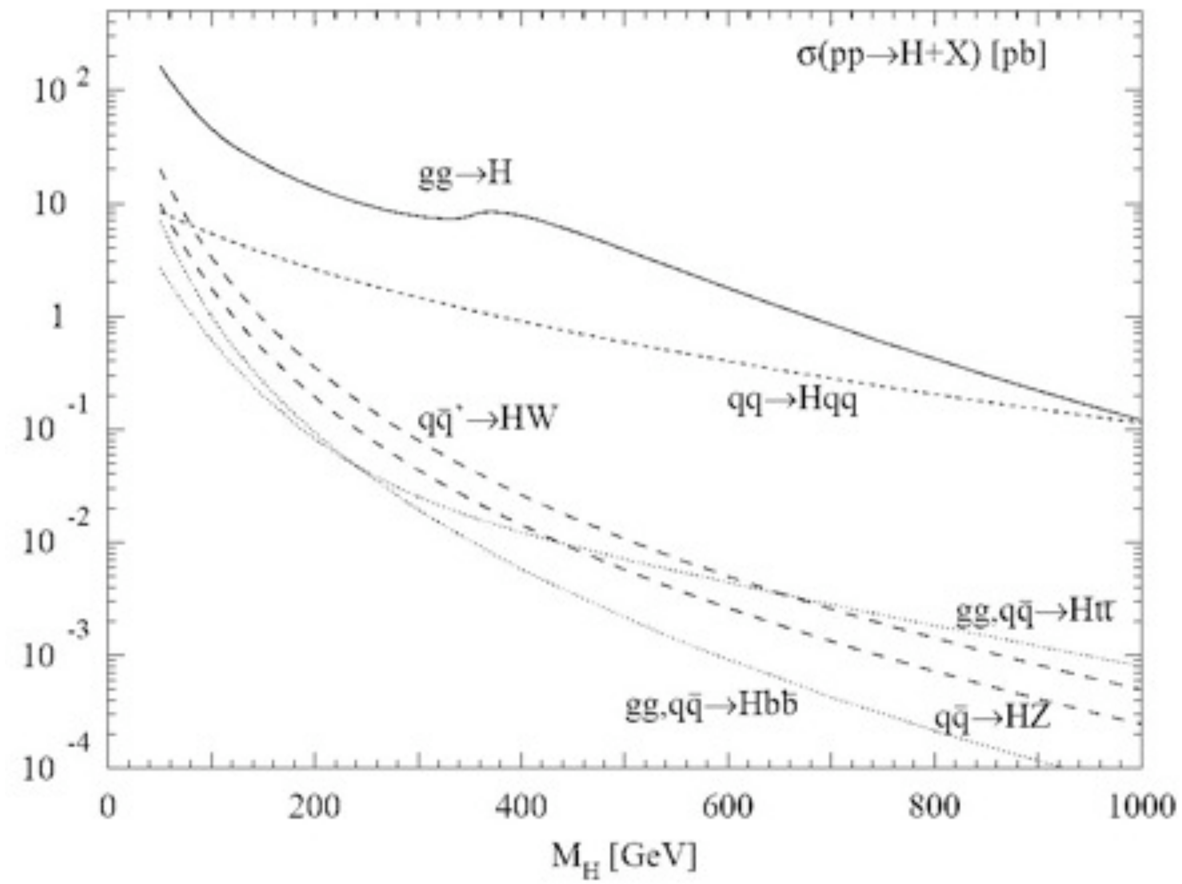
suggest that the Higgs is light

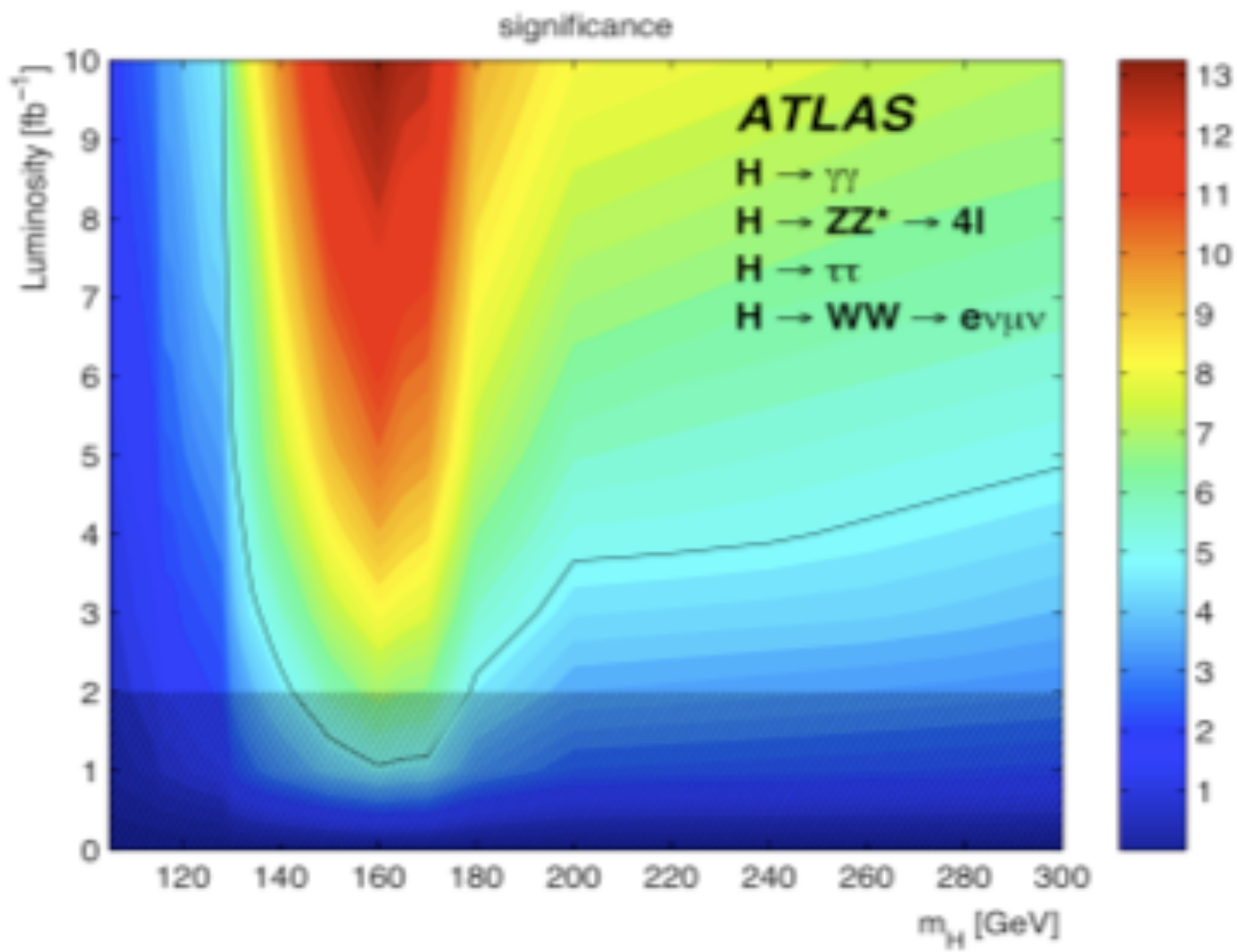


Unfortunately

BUT, although easy to produce at the LHC,

light Higgses are difficult to find

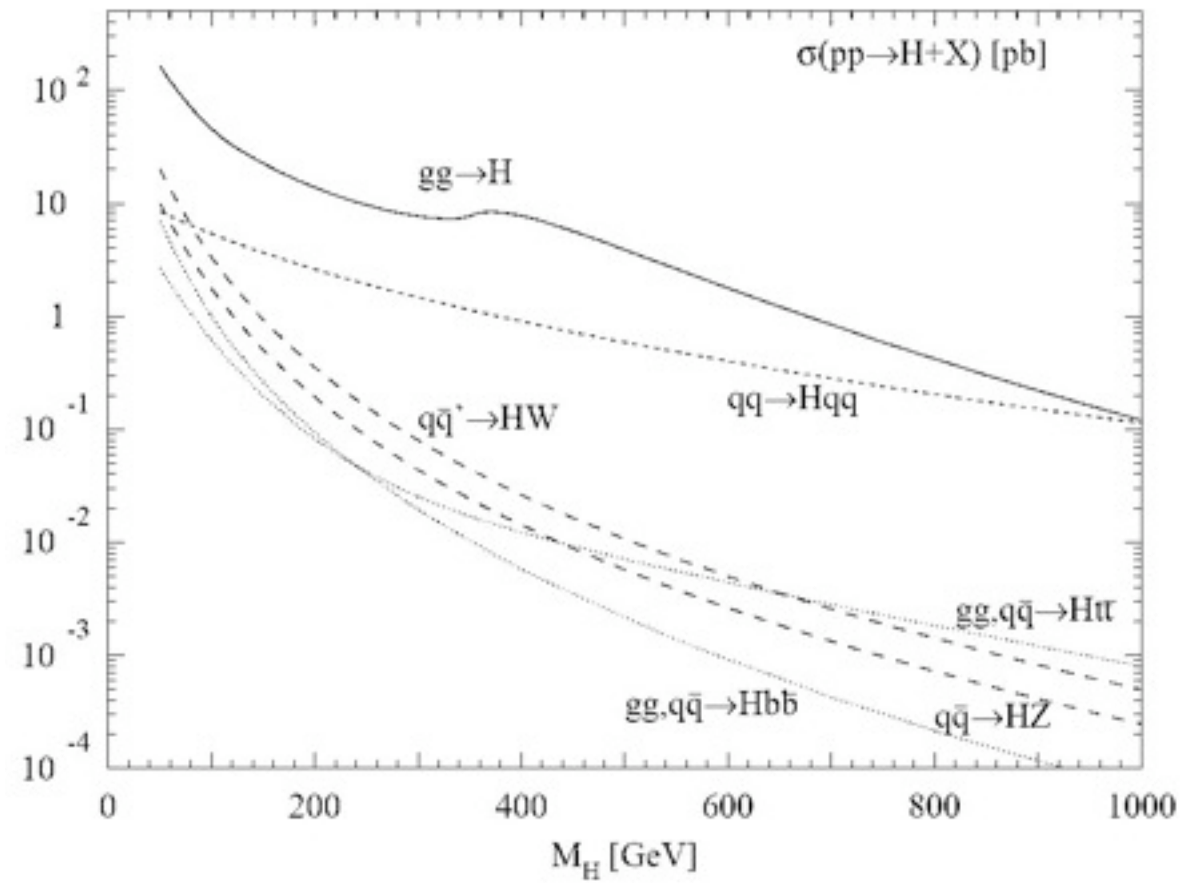


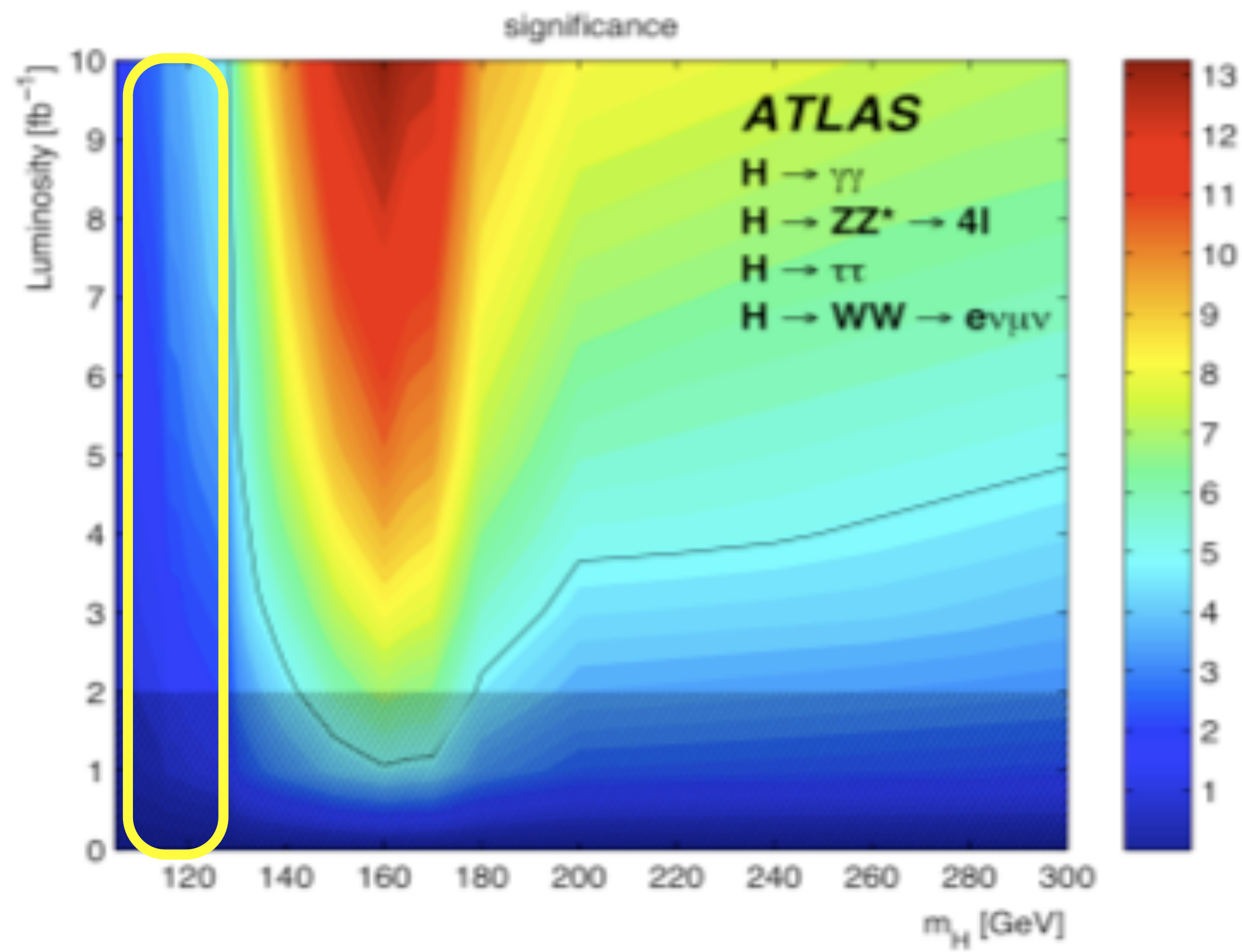


Unfortunately

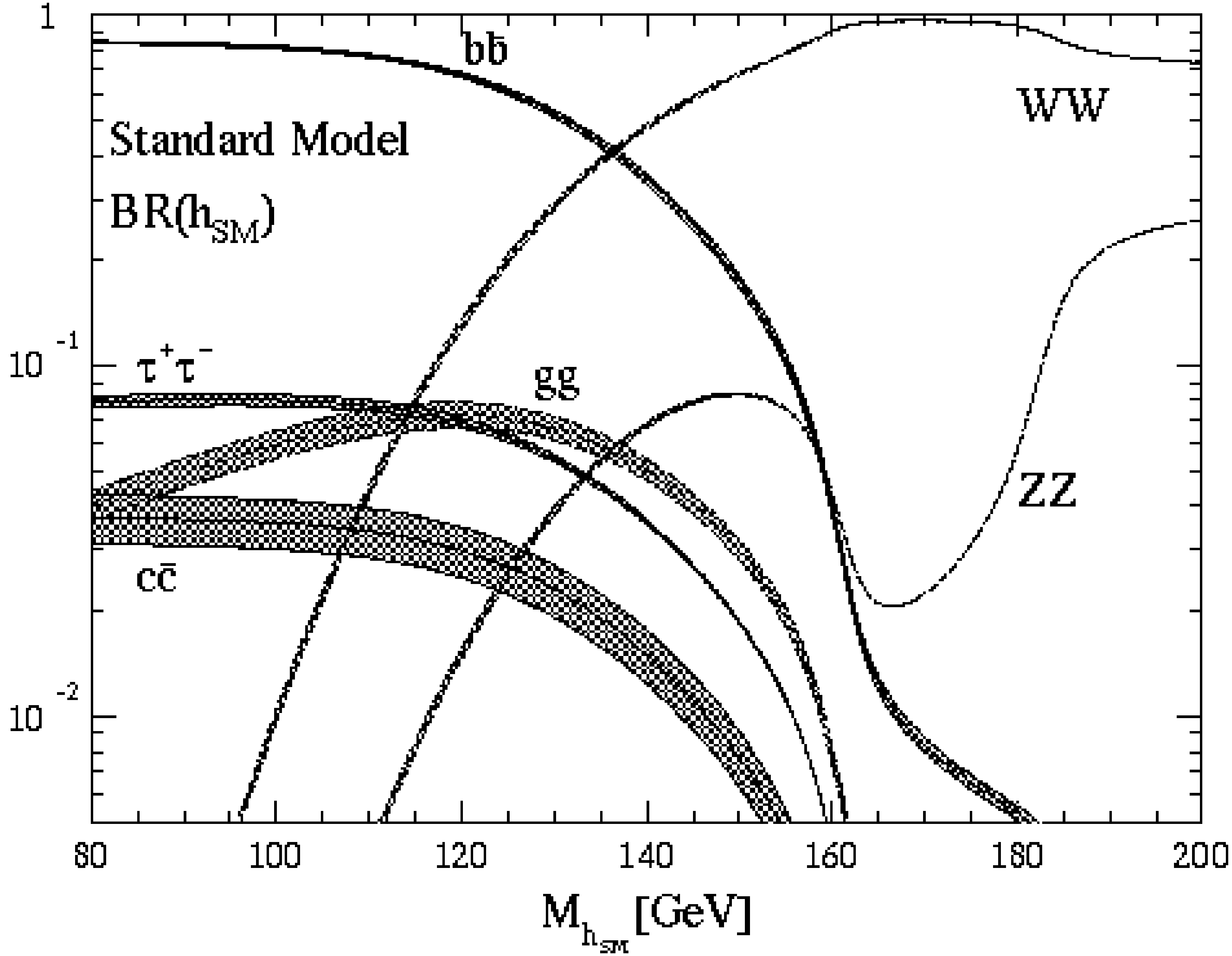
BUT, although easy to produce at the LHC,

light Higgses are difficult to find



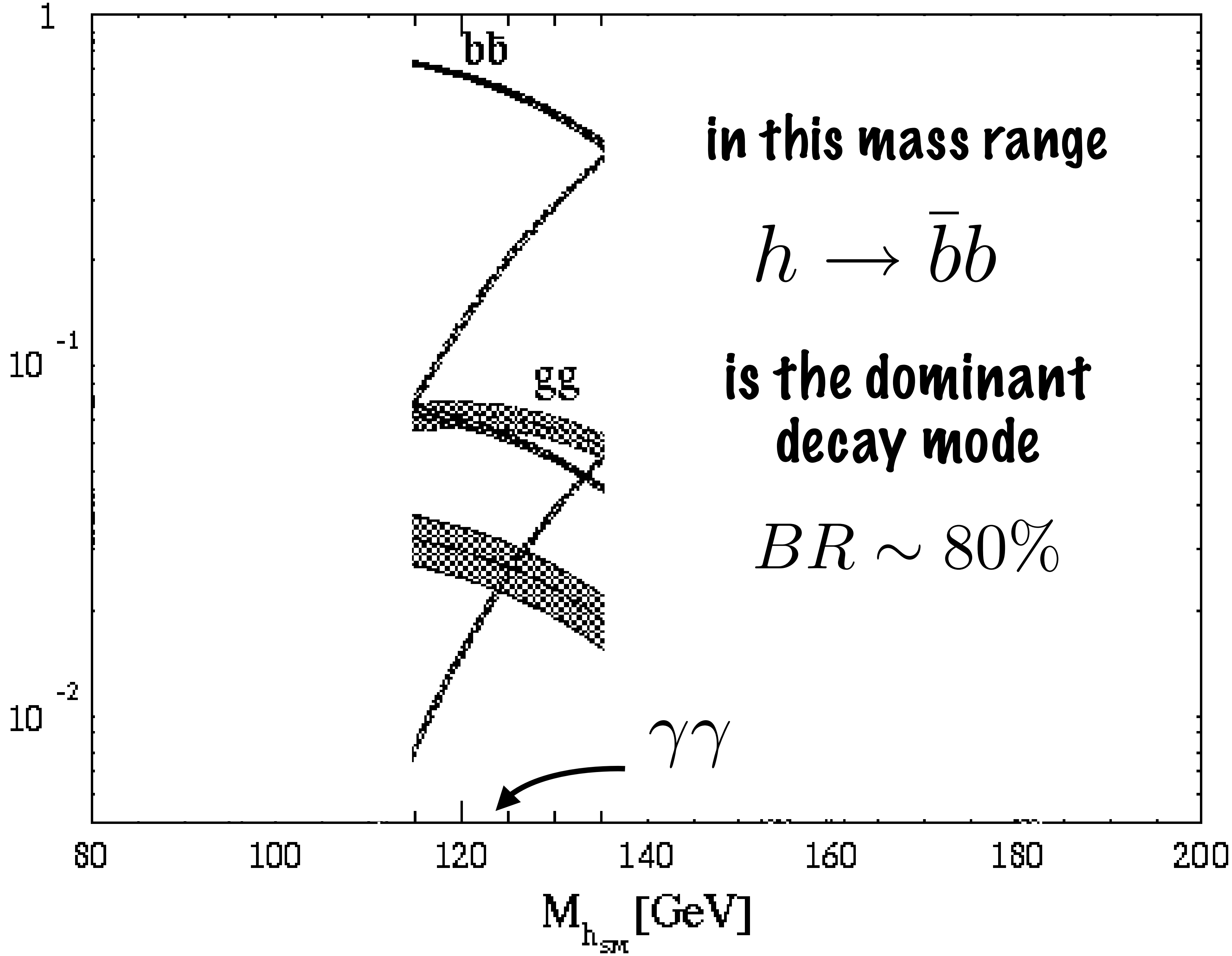


Branching Ratios of SM Higgs



HDECAY

Branching Ratios of SM Higgs



in this mass range

$$h \to \bar{b}b$$

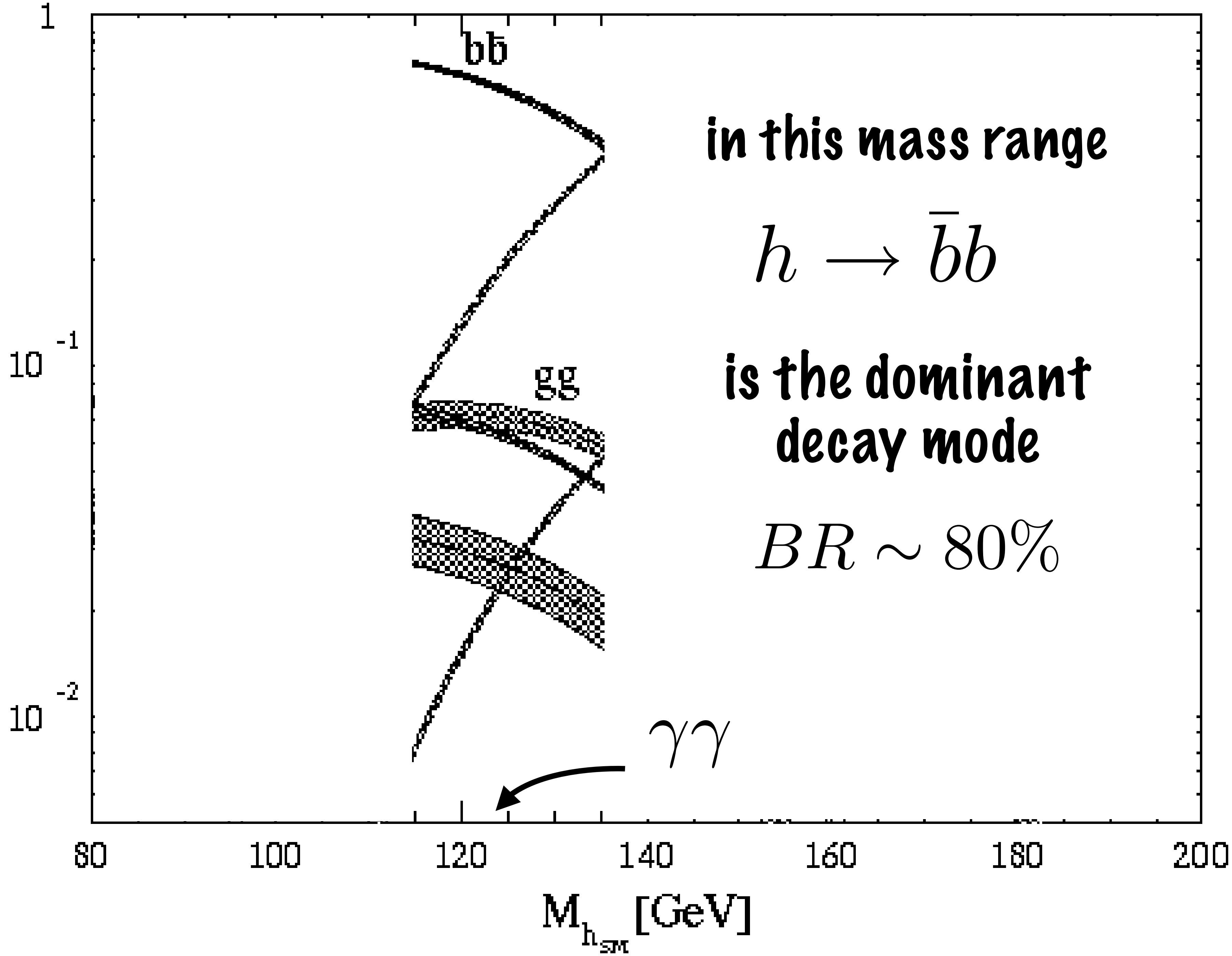
is the dominant decay mode

$$BR \sim 80\%$$

$\gamma\gamma$

HDECAY

Branching Ratios of SM Higgs



in this mass range

$$h \to \bar{b}b$$

is the dominant decay mode

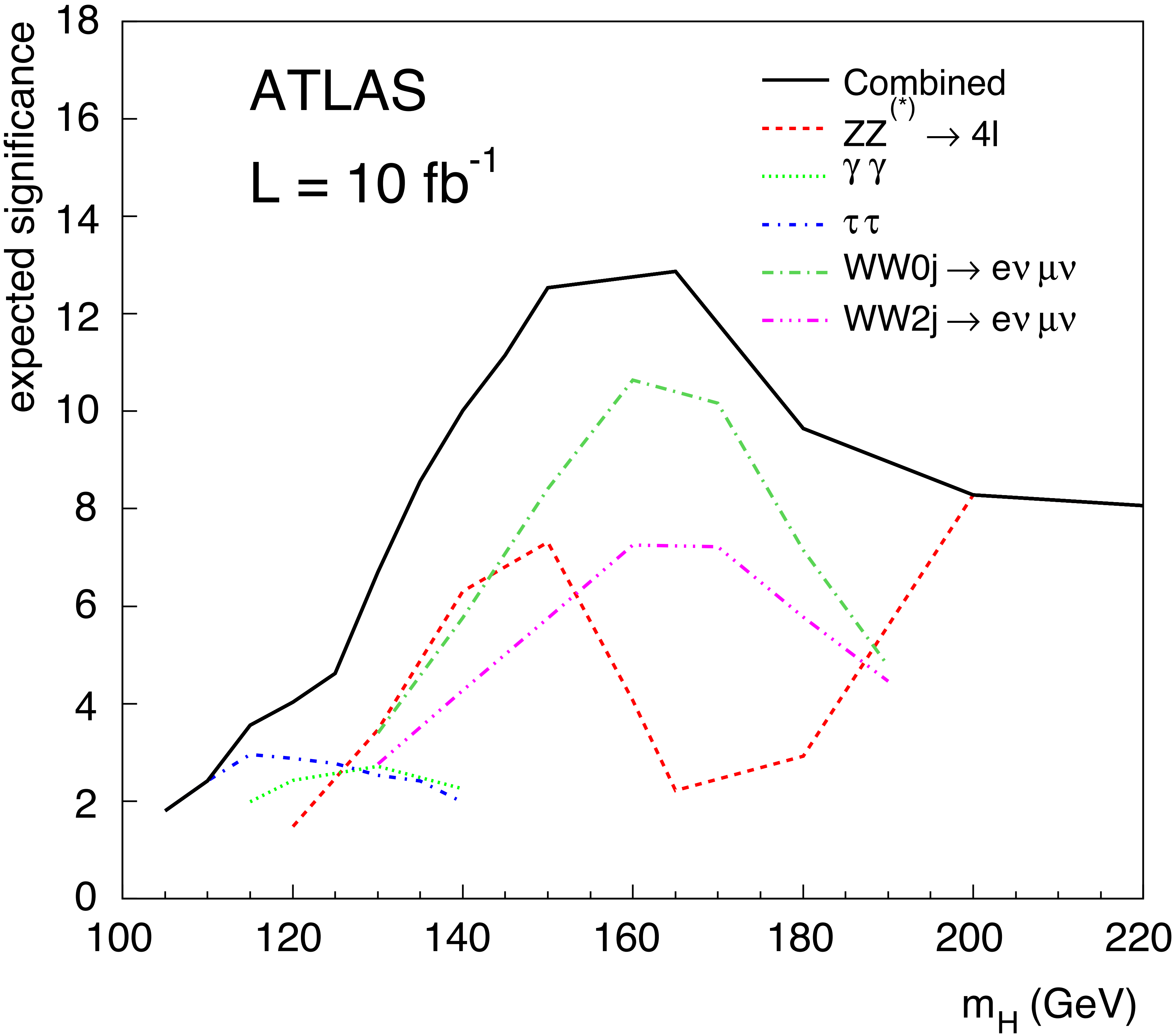
$$BR \sim 80\%$$

but the backgrounds are way too high!

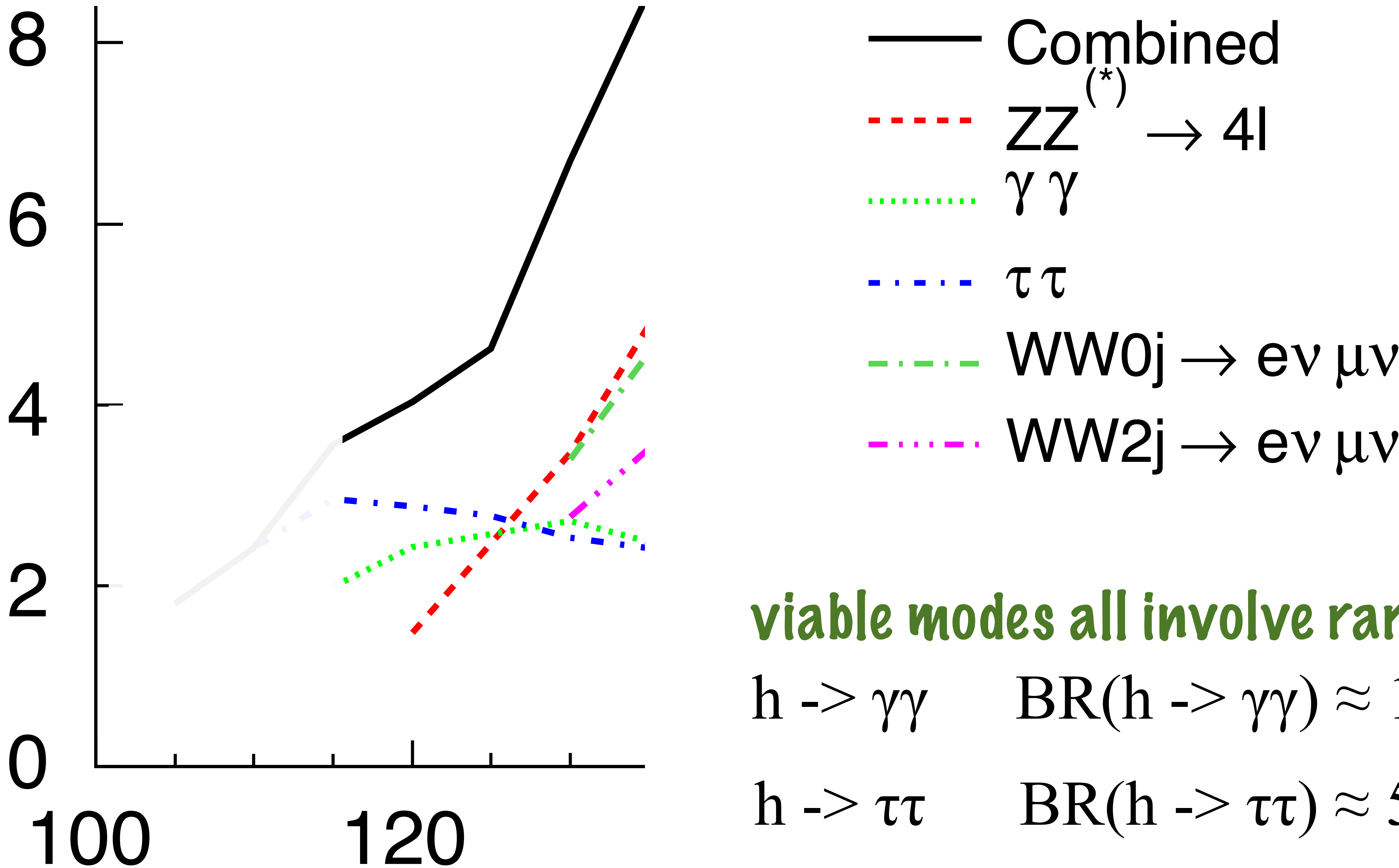
have to use rare decay modes instead

HDECAY

ATLAS TDR 2009



ATLAS TDR 2009



viable modes all involve rare decays

h -> $\gamma\gamma$ BR(h -> $\gamma\gamma$) $\approx$ 1-2 x 10^{-3}

h -> $\tau\tau$ BR(h -> $\tau\tau$) $\approx$ 5-7 x 10^{-2}

no way to use dominant h-> b bbar mode ..

or so we thought

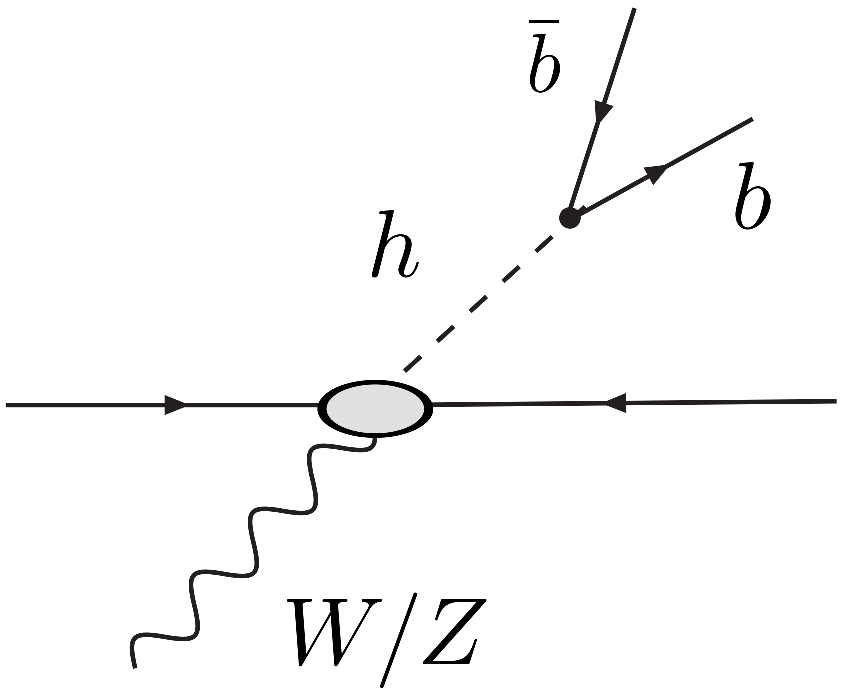
Outline

- Higgs in the SM
- A new handle on h->b bbar
- How jet substructure helps
- Boosted MSSM Higgses
- Substructure for SUSY

Recently, a new technique for light Higgses

- proposed by BDRS = Butterworth, Davison, Rubin, Salam (0802.2470)
- considered associated Higgs production:

$$pp \longrightarrow W(\ell\nu)/Z(\ell\ell) + h(\bar{b}b)$$



find: significance ~ 4.5
for $\mathcal{L} = 30\ \mathrm{fb}^{-1}$

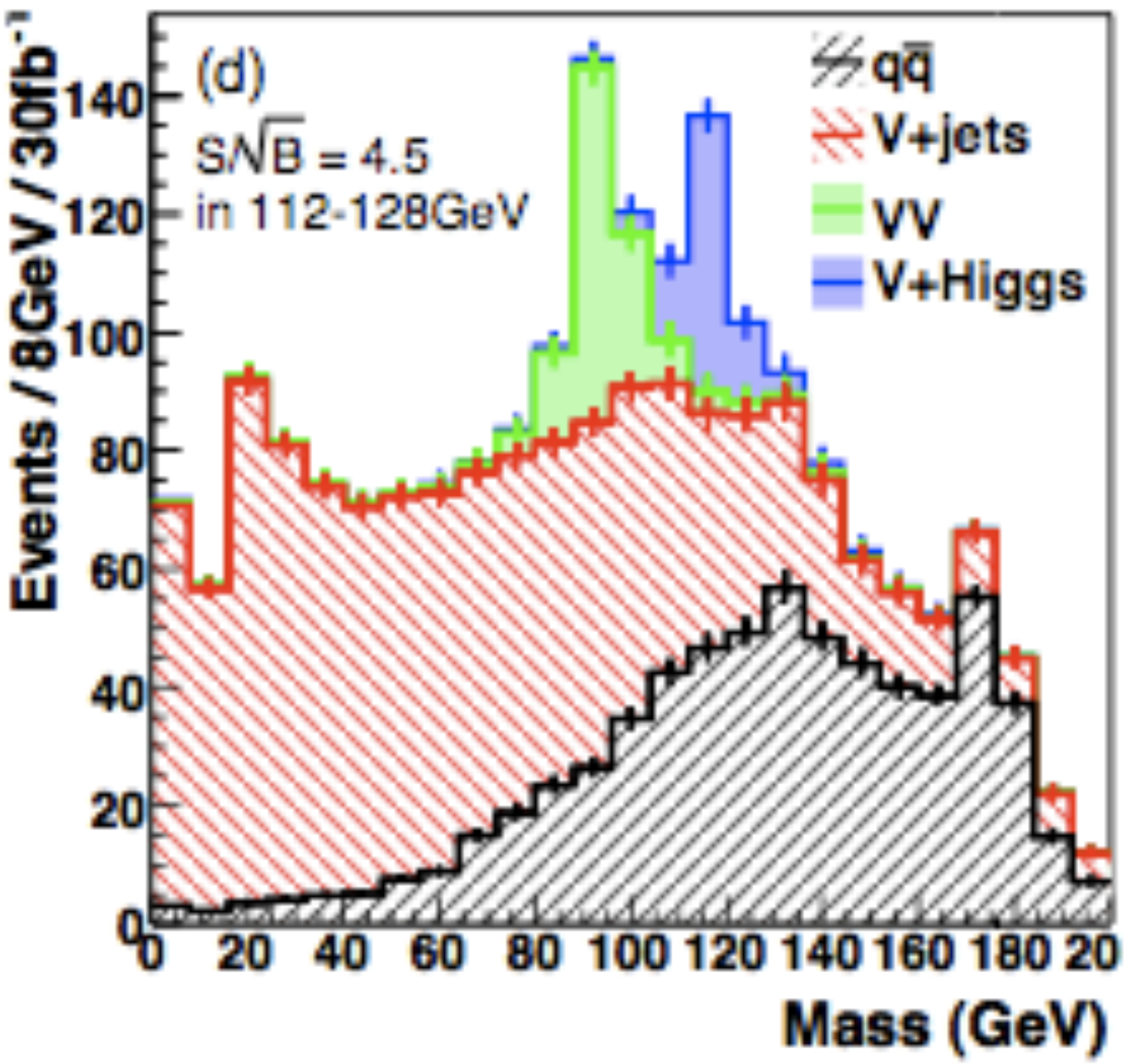
$$\left(\sim 2.6 \text{ for } \mathcal{L} = 10\ \mathrm{fb}^{-1} \right)$$

$\gtrsim$ 'conventional' channels!!

HOW? by focusing on boosted Higgses , $p_T > 200$ GeV

and using 'jet substructure' to differentiate signal from t tbar, W/Z + jets, etc. backgrounds

Recently, a new technique for light Higgses



(BDRS 0802.2470)

brings back a channel that had been thought extremely difficult at the LHC

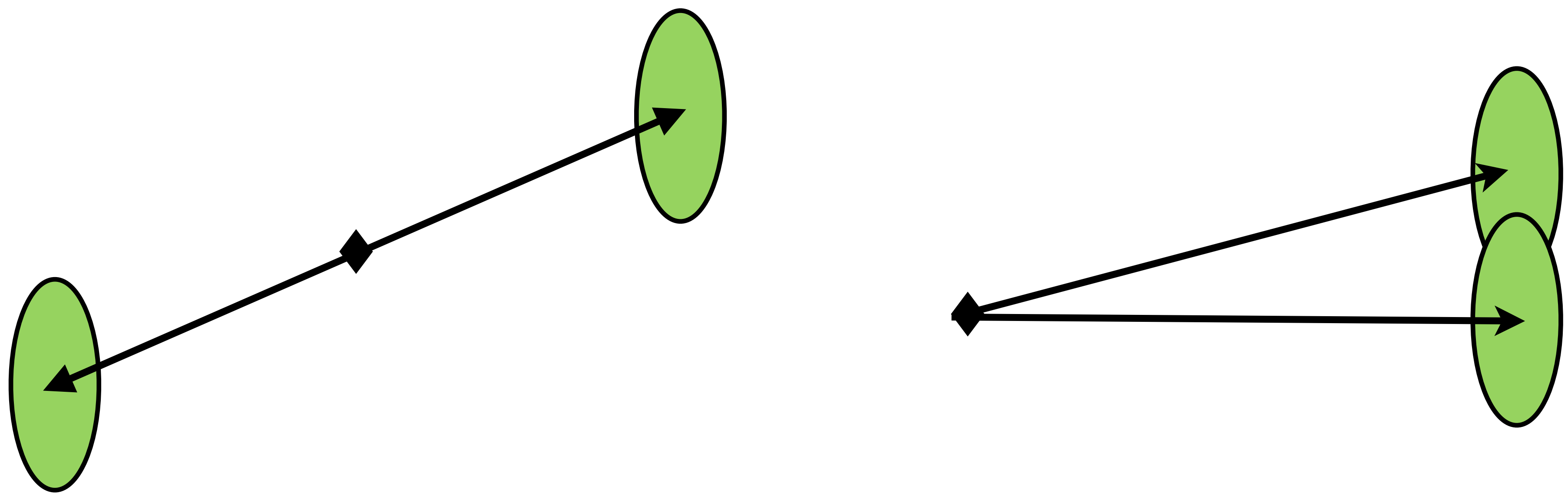
allows measurement of y_b!

Outline

- Higgs in the SM
- A new handle on h->b bbar
- How jet substructure helps
- Boosted MSSM Higgses
- Substructure for SUSY

Jet substructure basics

when a heavy particle (Higgs) is boosted, its decay remnants get closer together in the detector

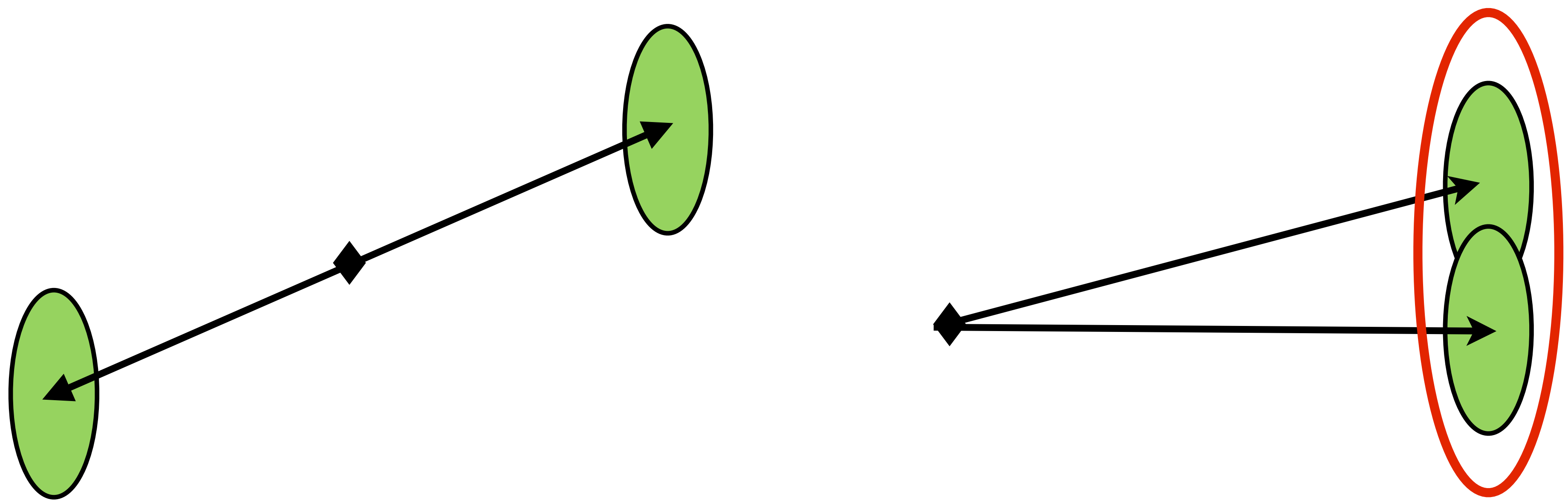


both decay products (and their associated radiation) can be captured by taking a larger jet cone -- resulting in a single 'fat-jet'

these 'resonance fat jets' have several distinct characteristics, which we can use to our advantage

Jet substructure basics

when a heavy particle (Higgs) is boosted, its decay remnants get closer together in the detector



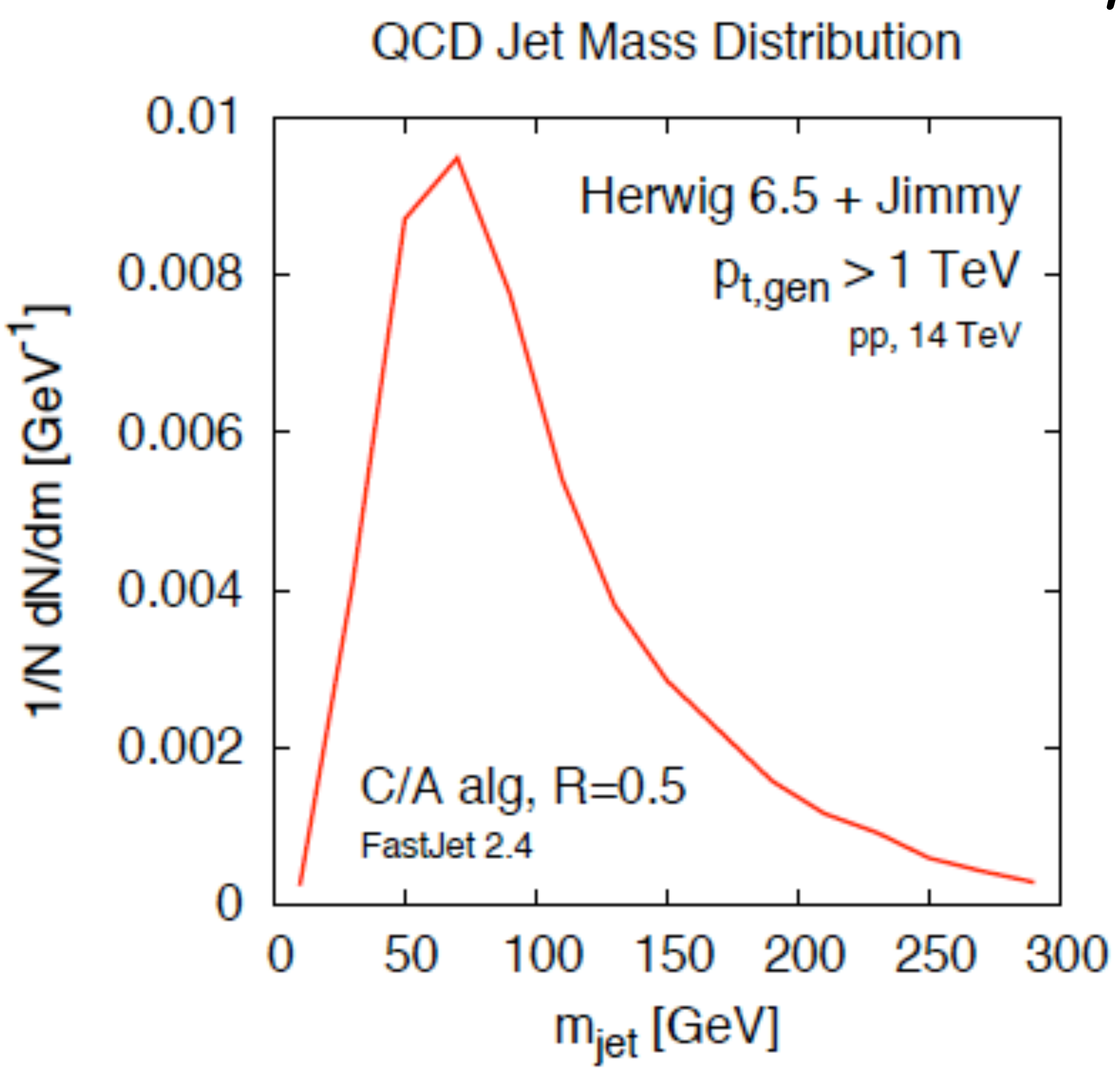
both decay products (and their associated radiation) can be captured by taking a larger jet cone -- resulting in a single 'fat-jet'

these 'resonance fat jets' have several distinct characteristics, which we can use to our advantage

Jet substructure basics

1.) 'resonance fat jets' have high invariant mass

$$m_J \sim m_h$$



while we don't think of QCD jets as having high mass

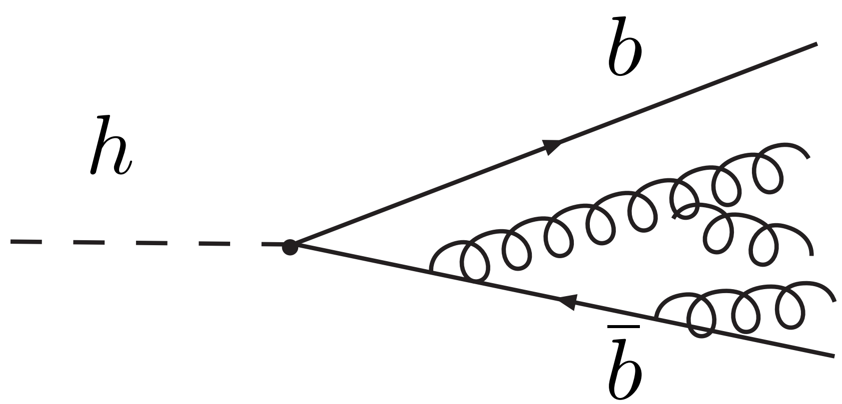
BUT there is a whole lot of QCD! tails extend to signal region

high jet-mass alone is not enough

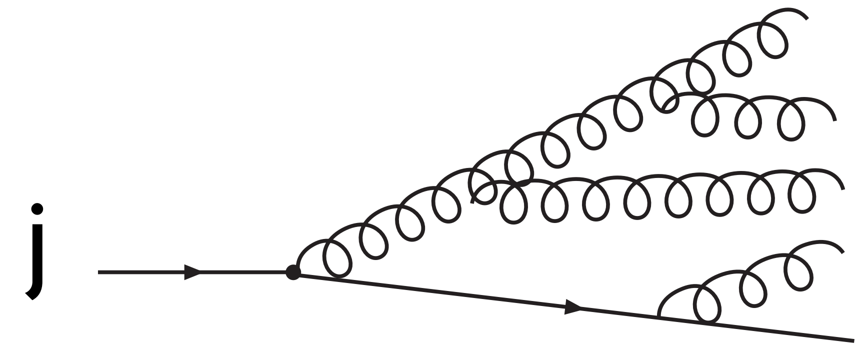
unlike boosted top, we want 2-body decay structure, and there is no longer a W among subjets

Jet substructure basics

2.) fat jets from resonance vs. QCD have very different origin



vs.

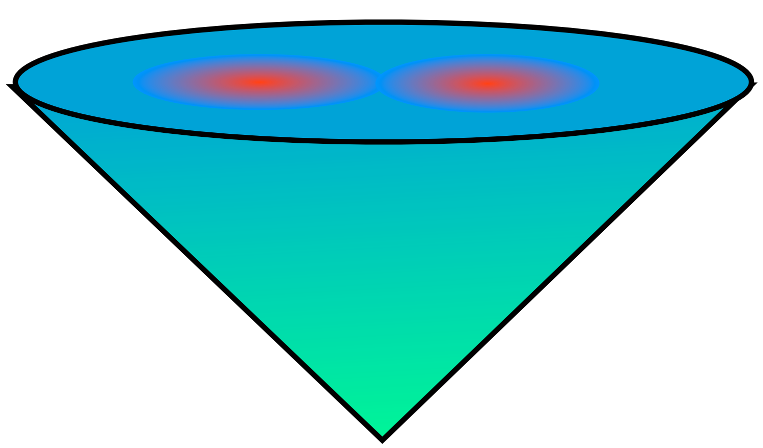


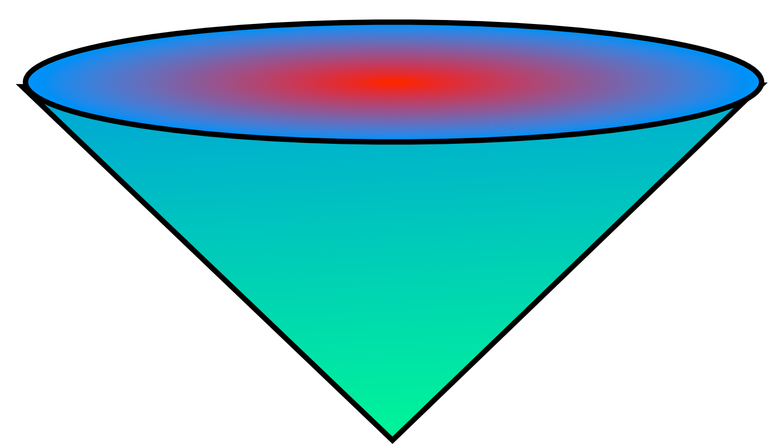
heavy particle decaying to two light particles

QCD radiation

expect two 'cores' of energy deposition within the jet

mainly gluon emission, dominated by soft, collinear emissisons

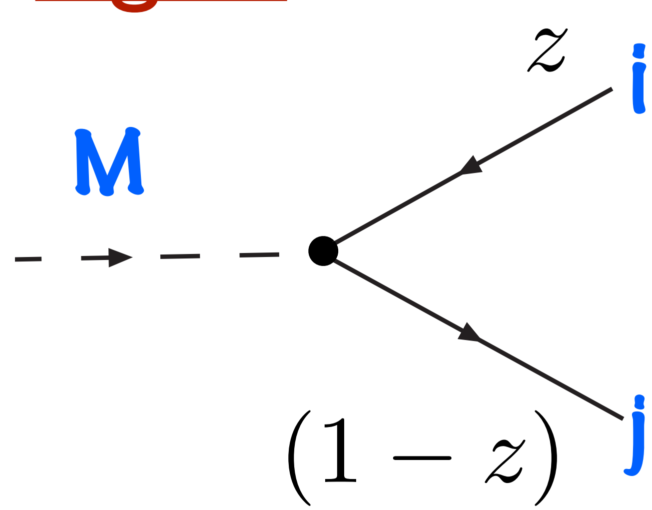




Mass drop & energy asymmetry

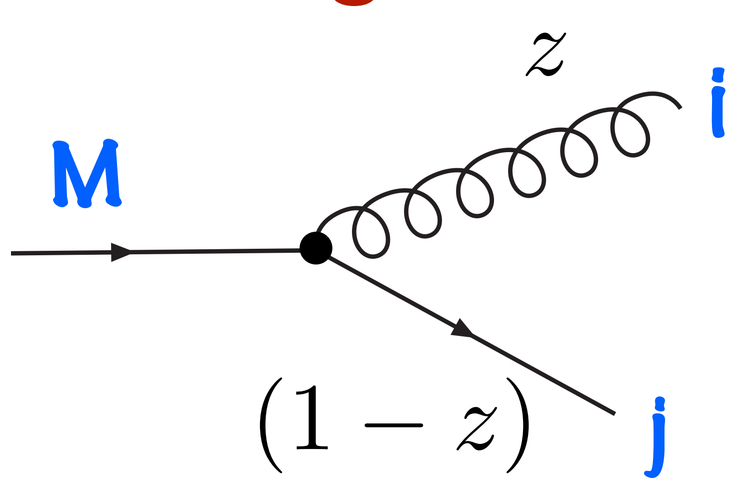
Jets are built from a series of 2 -> 1 mergings (k_T, C/A, anti-k_T)

Signal



$P_{1\to 2}(z) \propto$ independent of z

Background



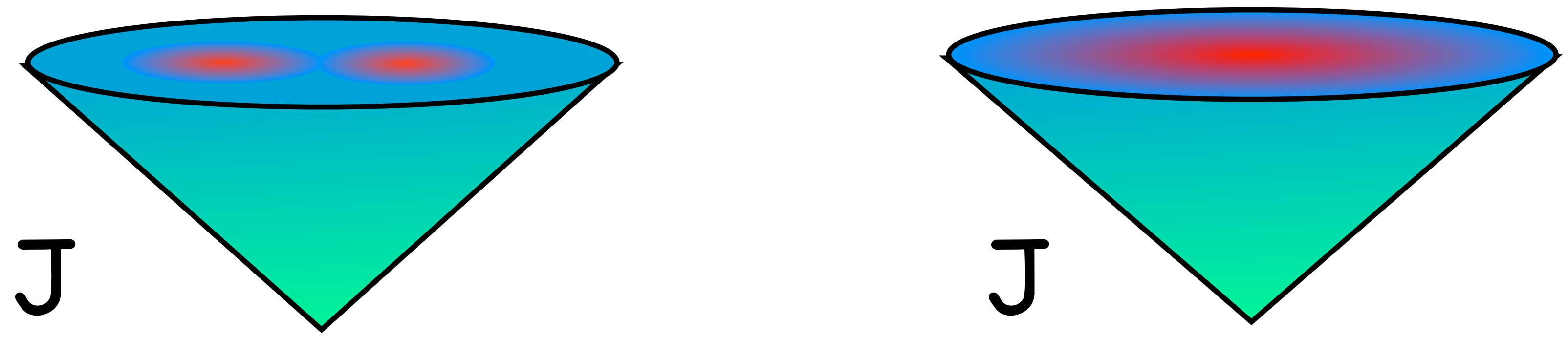
$P_{1\to 2}(z) \propto$ singular as z -> 0

energy is shared evenly in a heavy particle decay, while uneven sharing configurations dominate the background

cut on z removes background!

Mass drop & energy asymmetry

In practice, 'undo' the jets step by step



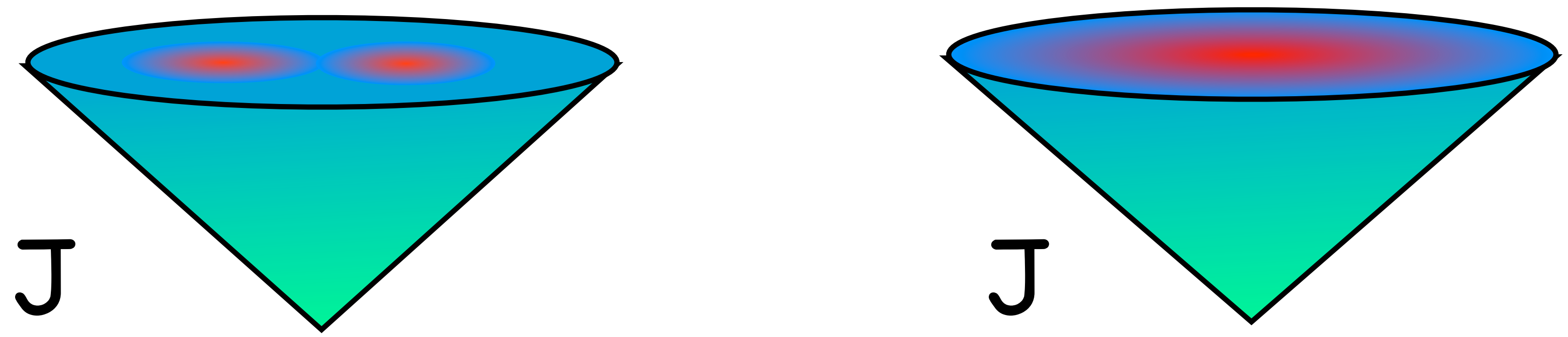
Keep events where, at some stage: (Butterworth, et al '08)

1.) $m_i < 0.68\, m_J$

2.) $\frac{\min(p_{T_i}^2, p_{T_j}^2)}{m_J^2} \Delta R_{ij}^2 > (0.3)^2$

Mass drop & energy asymmetry

In practice, 'undo' the jets step by step



Keep events where, at some stage: (Butterworth, et al '08)

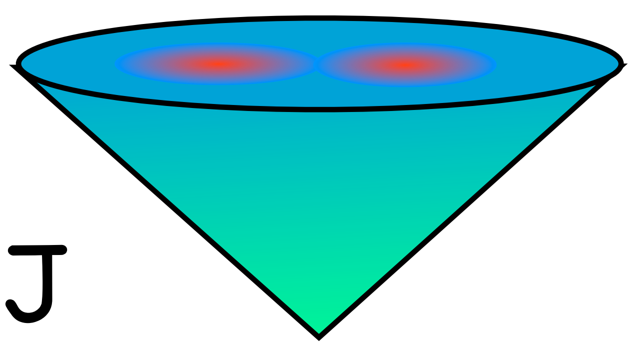
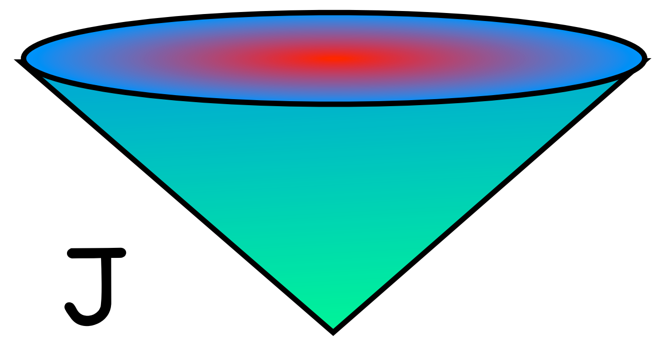
1.) $m_i < 0.68\, m_J$

2.) $\dfrac{\min(p_{T_i}^2, p_{T_j}^2)}{m_J^2} \Delta R_{ij}^2 > (0.3)^2$

$$\frac{\min\left(E_i, E_j\right)}{E_J} \equiv z$$

Mass drop & energy asymmetry

In practice, 'undo' the jets step by step

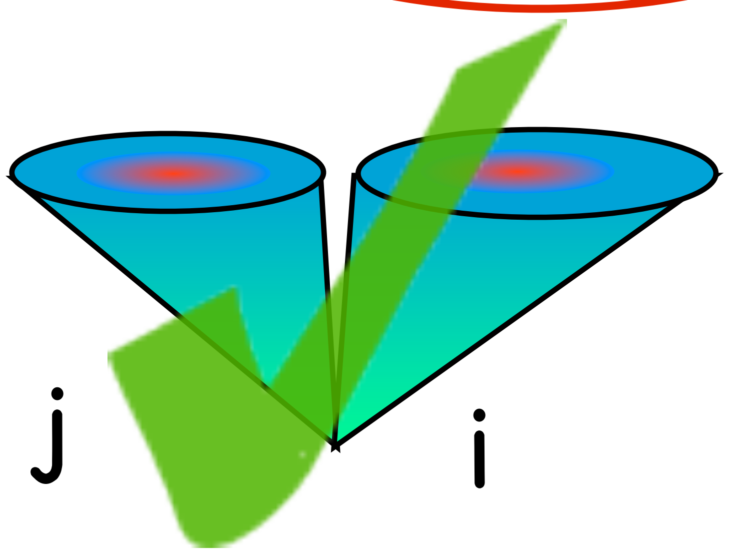
J  J 

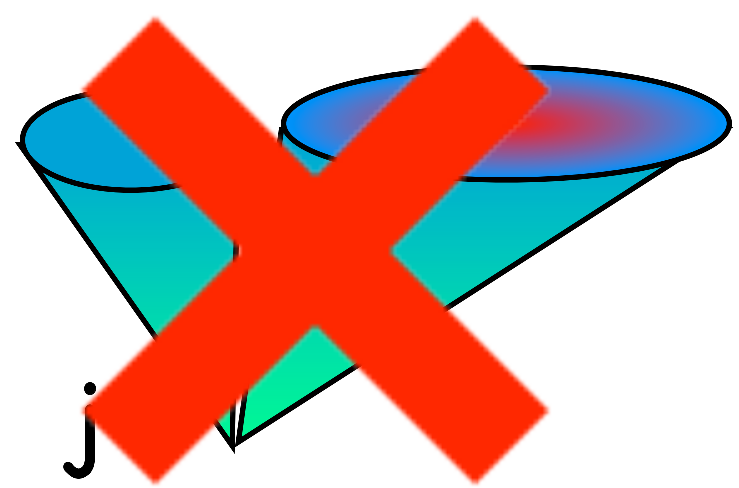
Keep events where, at some stage: (Butterworth, et al '08)

1.) $m_i < 0.68\, m_J$

2.) $\dfrac{\min(p_{T_i}^2, p_{T_j}^2)}{m_J^2}\Delta R_{ij}^2 > (0.3)^2$

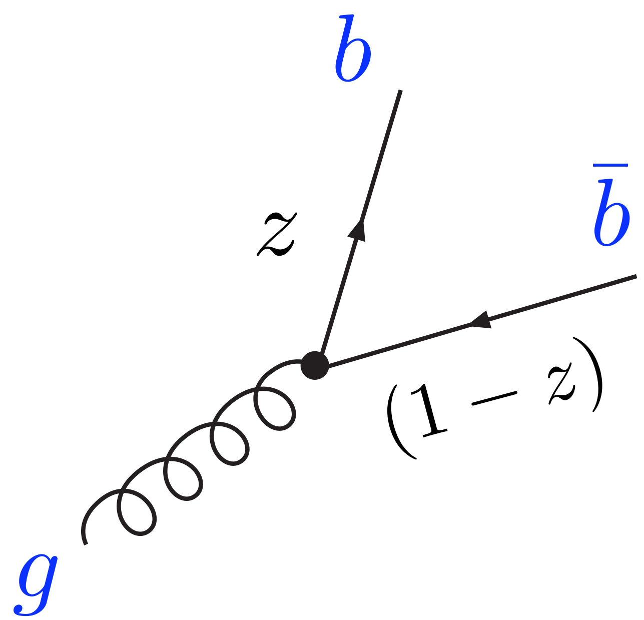
$$\frac{\min\left(E_i, E_j\right)}{E_J} \equiv z$$





Mass drop & energy asymmetry

What about g-> b bbar ?



$P_{1\to 2}(z) \propto$ not singular in z

not removed by z-cut

BUT:

- because there is no singularity, g -> q qbar is a subleading process in the shower
- b bbar pairs will have low invariant mass, removed by looking at large jet mass

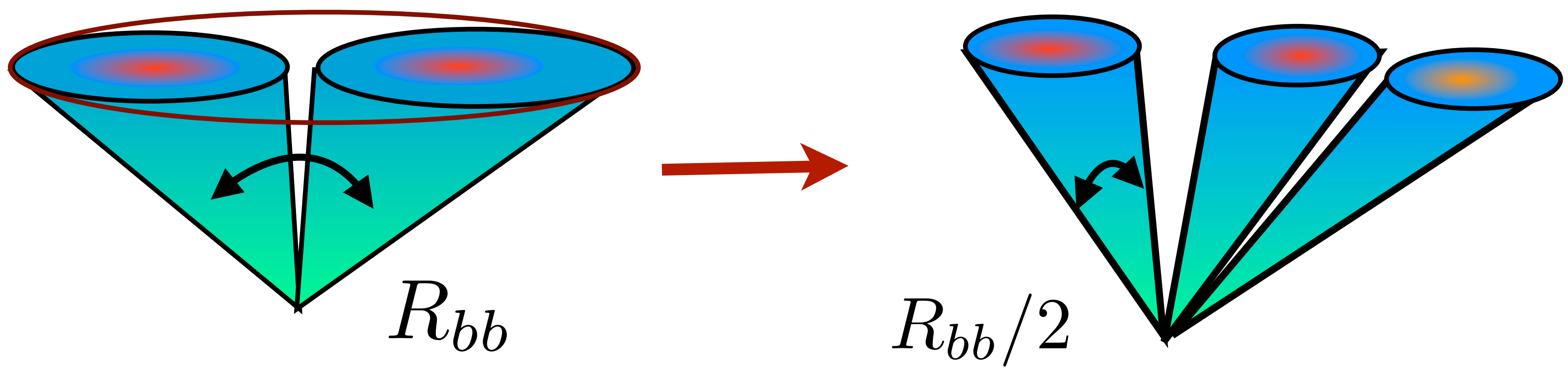
Filtering/Trimming/Pruning

the downside of a large cone is that it allows in a lot of energy unrelated to the resonance: UE and ISR

different techniques to try to subtract off the unwanted noise (see talks by Jessie, Lian-Tao)

Ex. Filtering

(Butterworth, et al '08)



refine jets on smaller scale, take only n_{filt} hardest

keeps perturbative, angle-ordered radiation, throws out the rest

not your 'garden-variety' jet tool !

Putting everything together

signal

background

hard partons, FSR, ISR, UE

Putting everything together

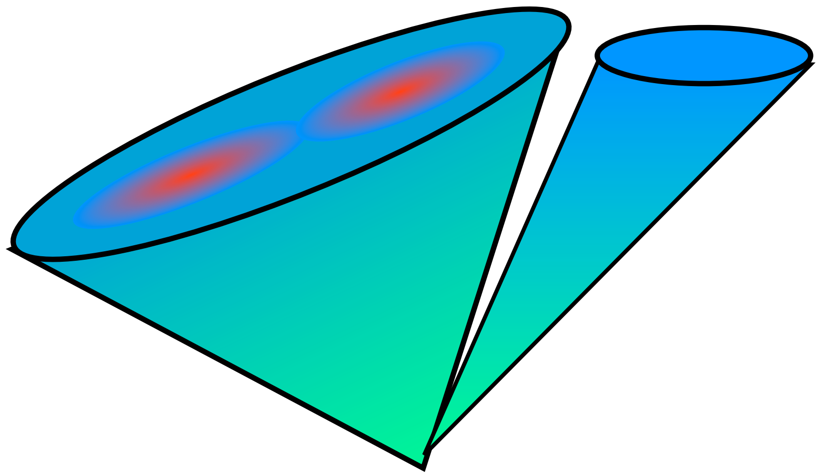
signal   background

hard partons, FSR, ISR, UE

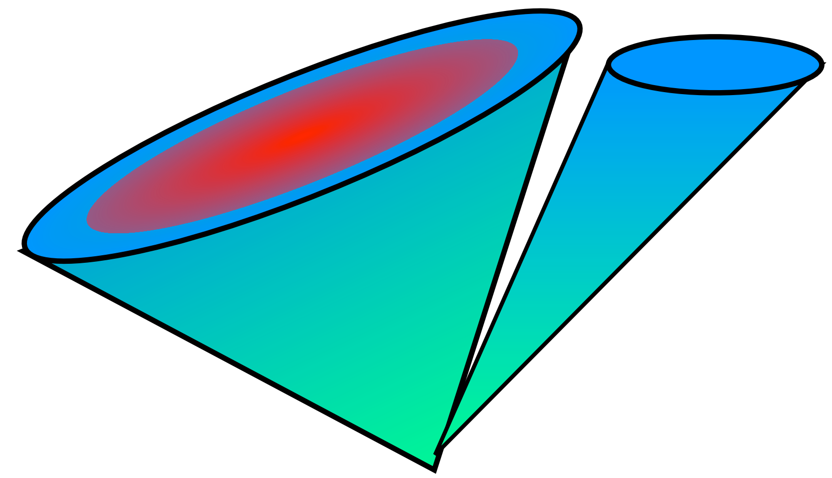
undo jet clustering...

Putting everything together

signal



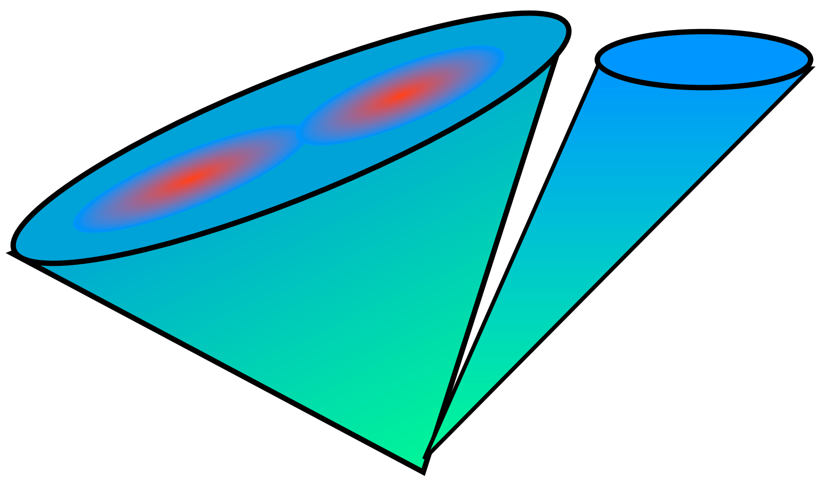
background



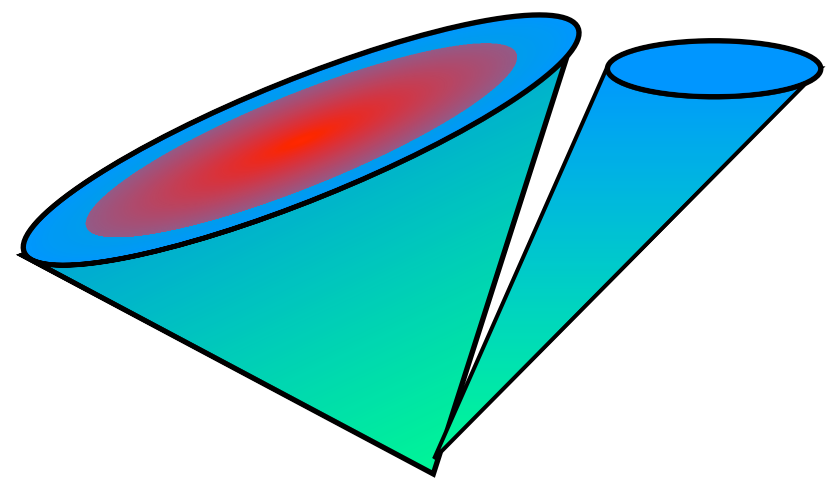
undo jet clustering...

Putting everything together

signal



background



undo jet clustering...

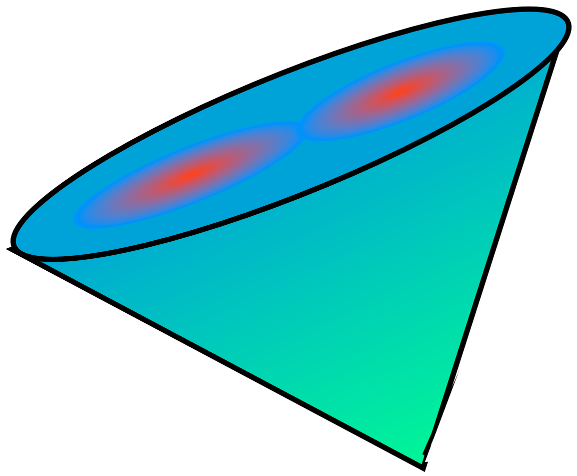
if mass drop conditions **not satisfied**, throw away lighter daughter jet, continue

1.) $m_i < 0.68\, m_J$

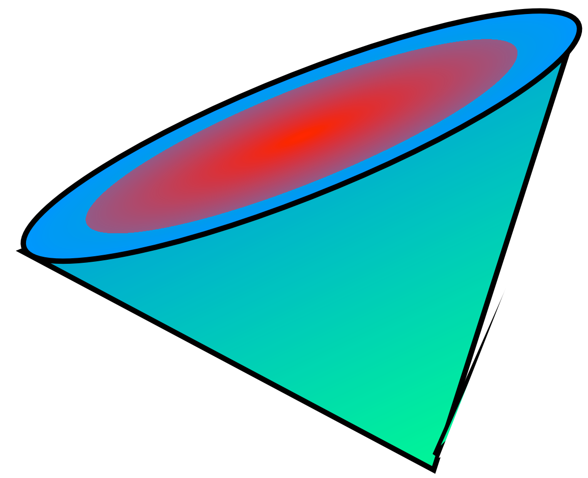
2.) $\frac{\min(p_{T_i}^2, p_{T_j}^2)}{m_J^2} \Delta R_{ij}^2 > (0.3)^2$

Putting everything together

signal



background



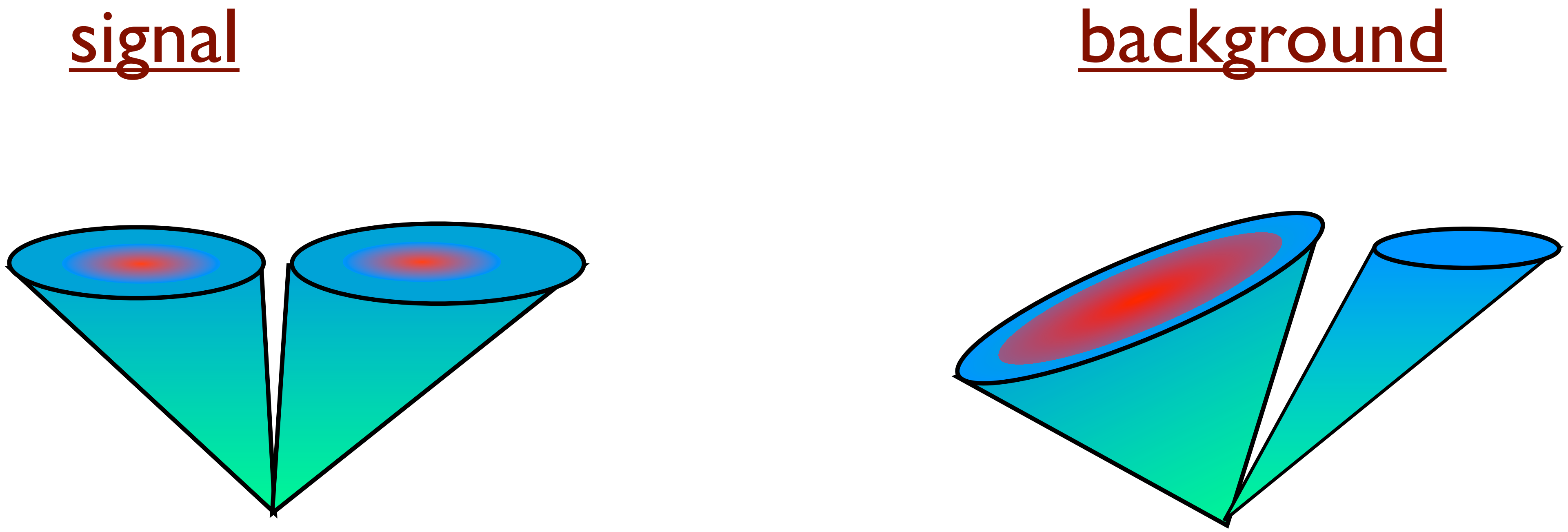
undo jet clustering...

if mass drop conditions not satisfied, throw away lighter daughter jet, continue

1.) $m_i < 0.68\, m_J$

2.) $$\frac{\min(p_{T_i}^2, p_{T_j}^2)}{m_J^2} \Delta R_{ij}^2 > (0.3)^2$$

Putting everything together



undo jet clustering...

if mass drop conditions not satisfied, throw away lighter daughter jet, continue

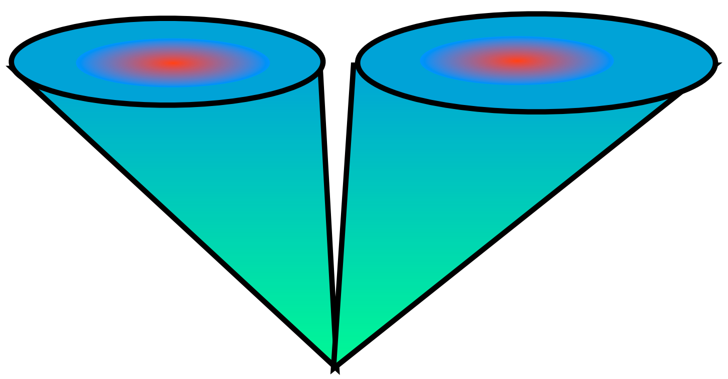
1.) $m_i < 0.68\, m_J$

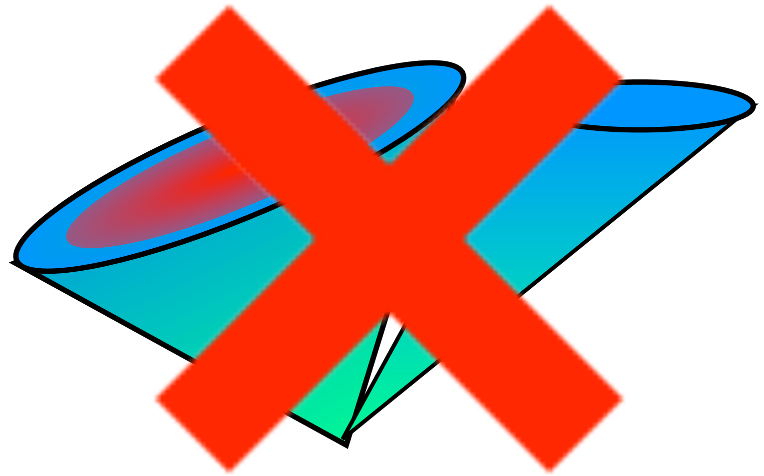
2.) $$\frac{\min(p_{T_i}^2, p_{T_j}^2)}{m_J^2} \Delta R_{ij}^2 > (0.3)^2$$

Putting everything together

signal

background



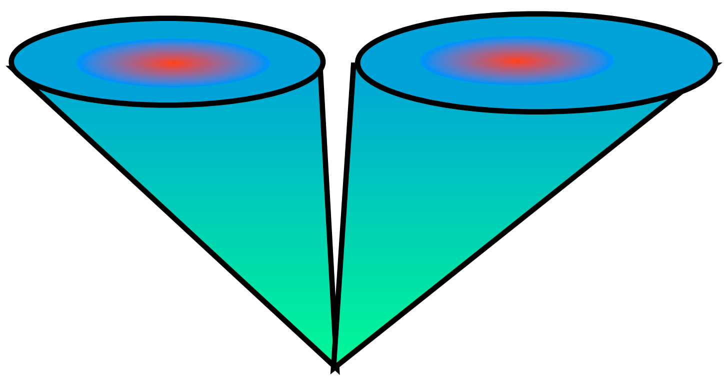


undo jet clustering...

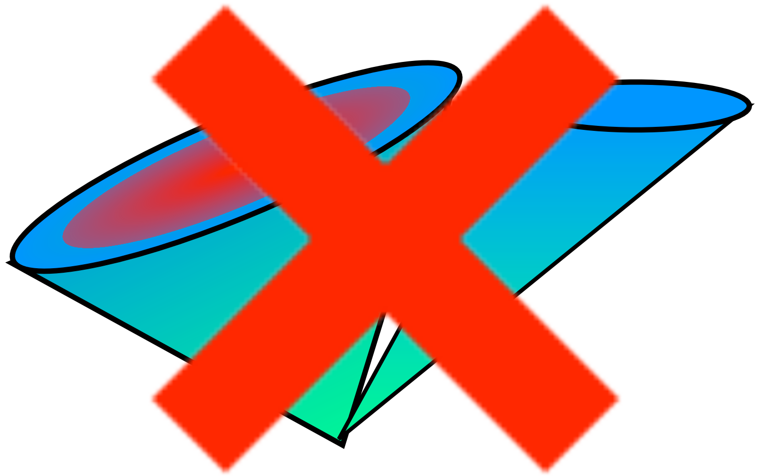
at some stage, h->b bbar signal should pass mass-drop conditions, while QCD background will not

Putting everything together

signal



background



undo jet clustering...

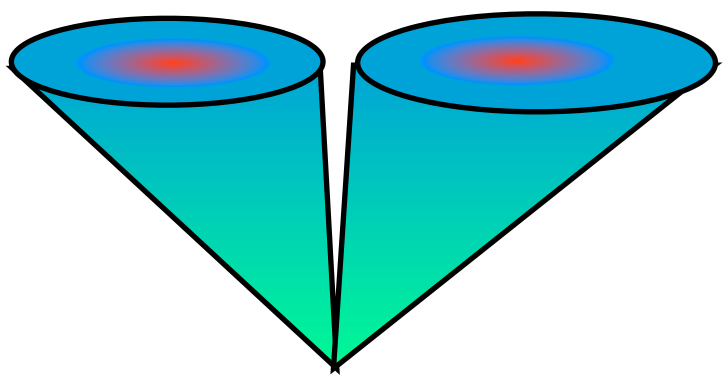
at some stage, h->b bbar signal should pass mass-drop conditions, while QCD background will not

both b-tagged? if YES, then Filter

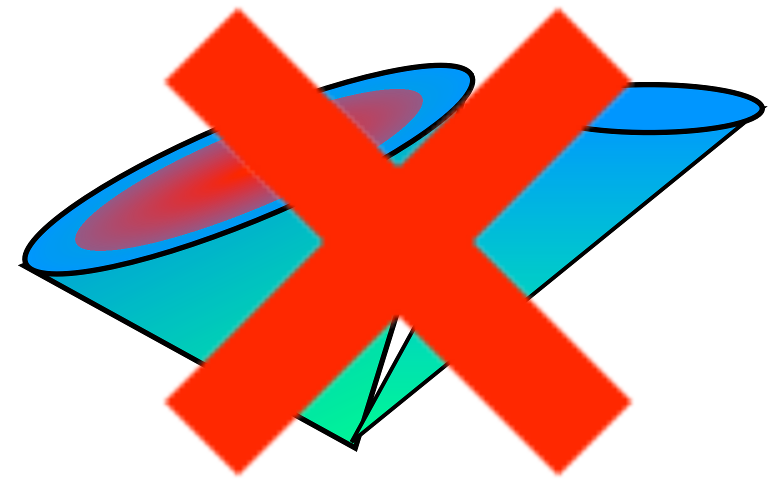
keep the hard partons, their perturbative radiation, throw away ISR/UE

Putting everything together

signal

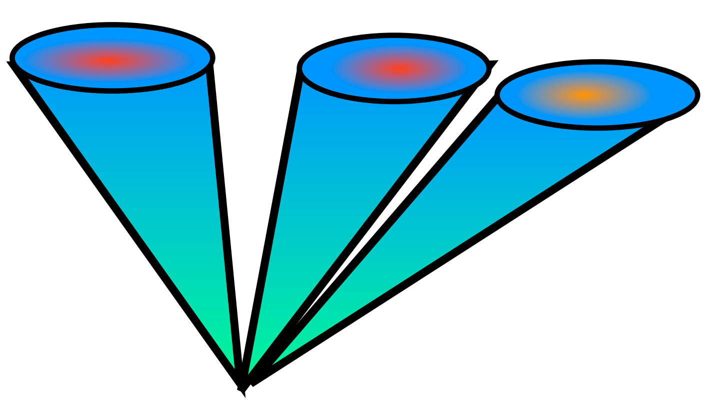


background



undo jet clustering...

at some stage, h->b bbar signal should pass mass-drop conditions, while QCD background will not

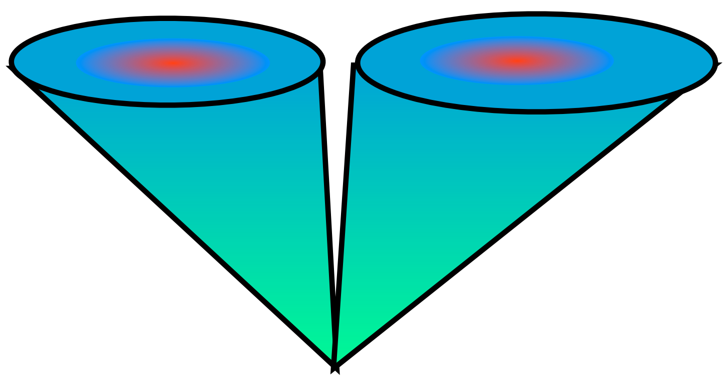


both b-tagged? if YES, then Filter

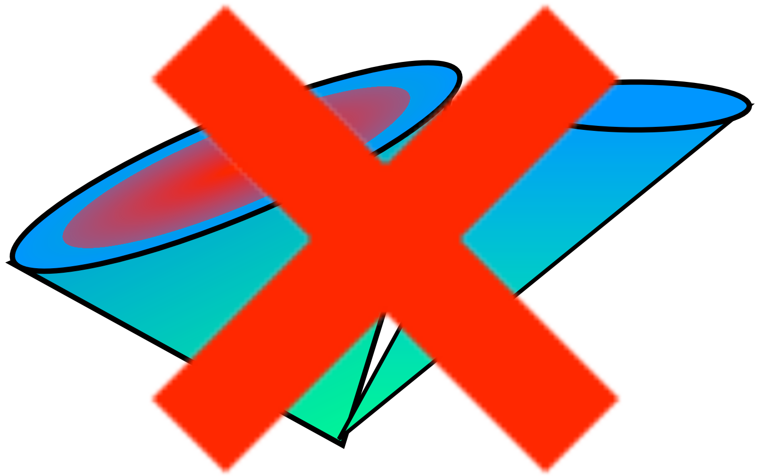
keep the hard partons, their perturbative radiation, throw away ISR/UE

Putting everything together

signal

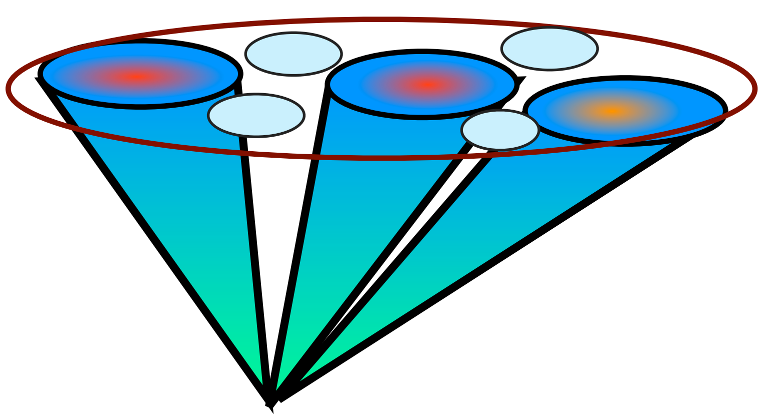


background



undo jet clustering...

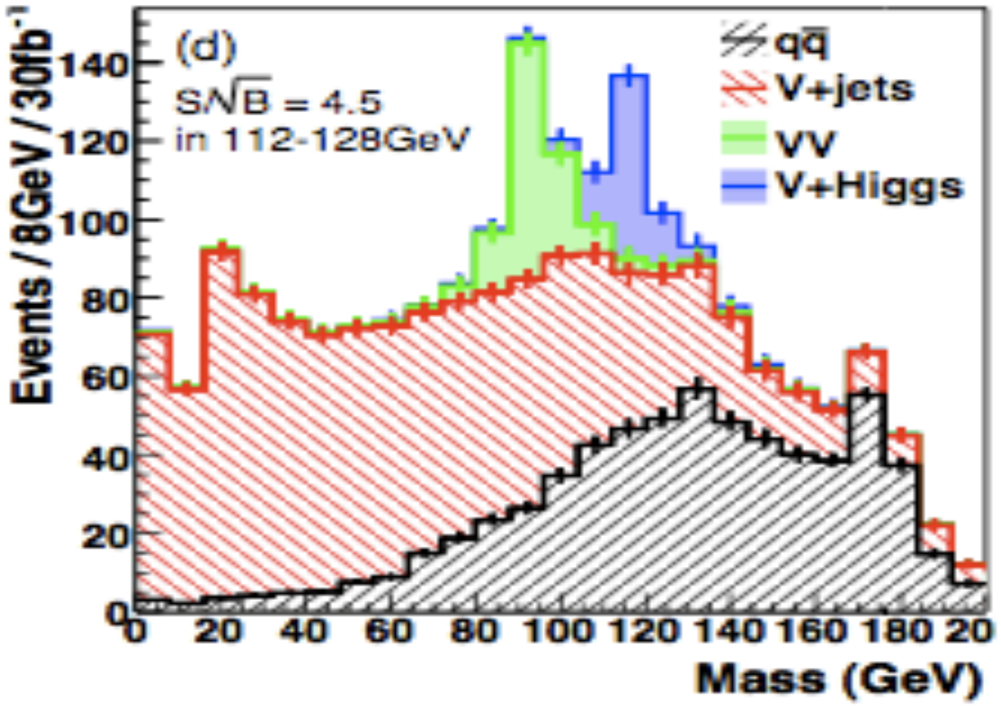
at some stage, h->b bbar signal should pass mass-drop conditions, while QCD background will not



both b-tagged? if YES, then Filter

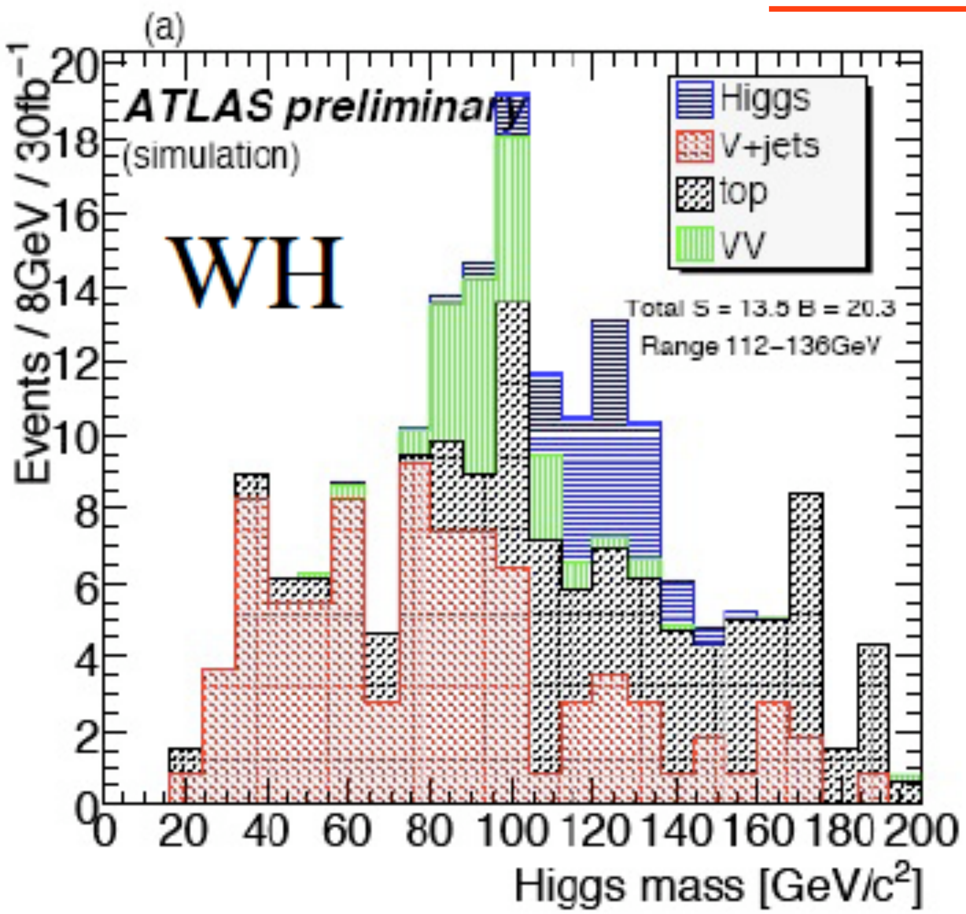
keep the hard partons, their perturbative radiation, throw away ISR/UE

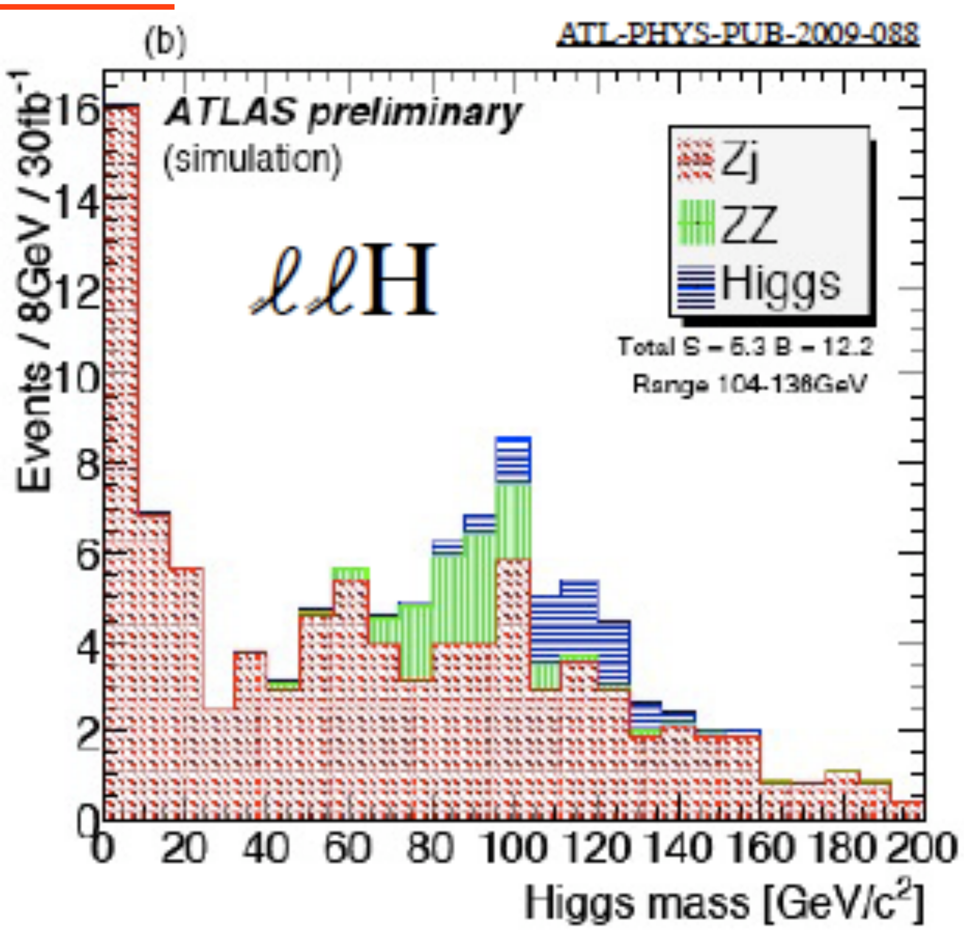
BDRS at ATLAS



- LHC 14 TeV; 30 fb^{-1}
- HERWIG/JIMMY cross-checked with PYTHIA with "ATLAS tune"
- 60% b-tag; 2% mistag
- no smearing

ATLAS STUDY

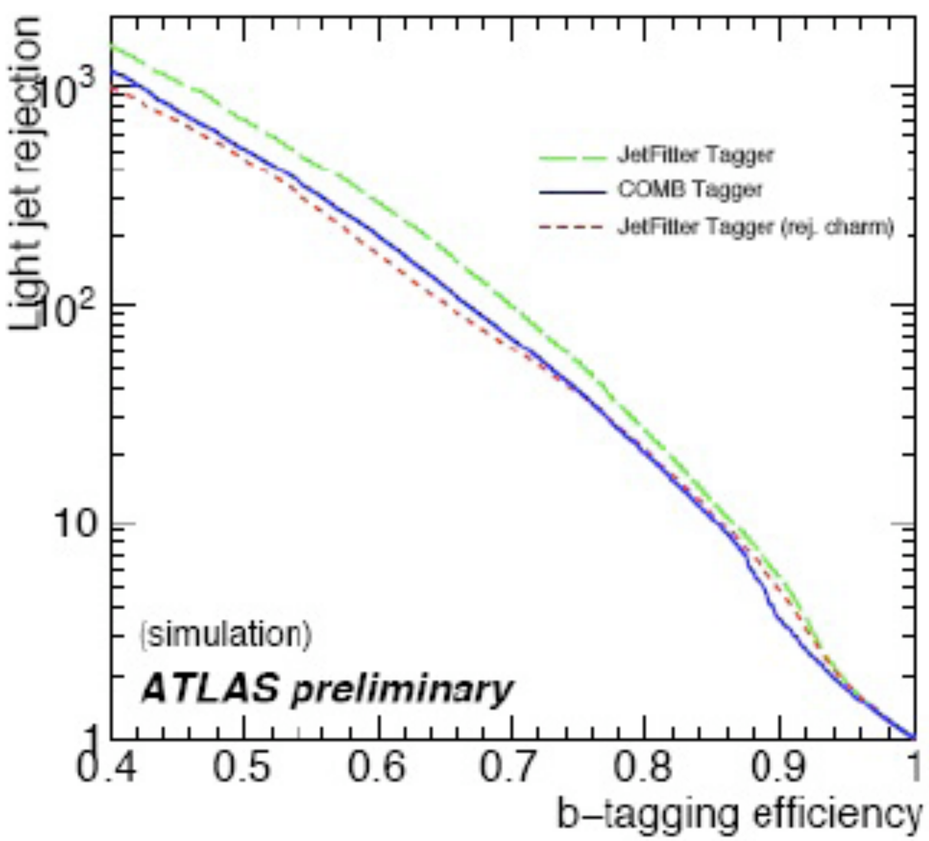


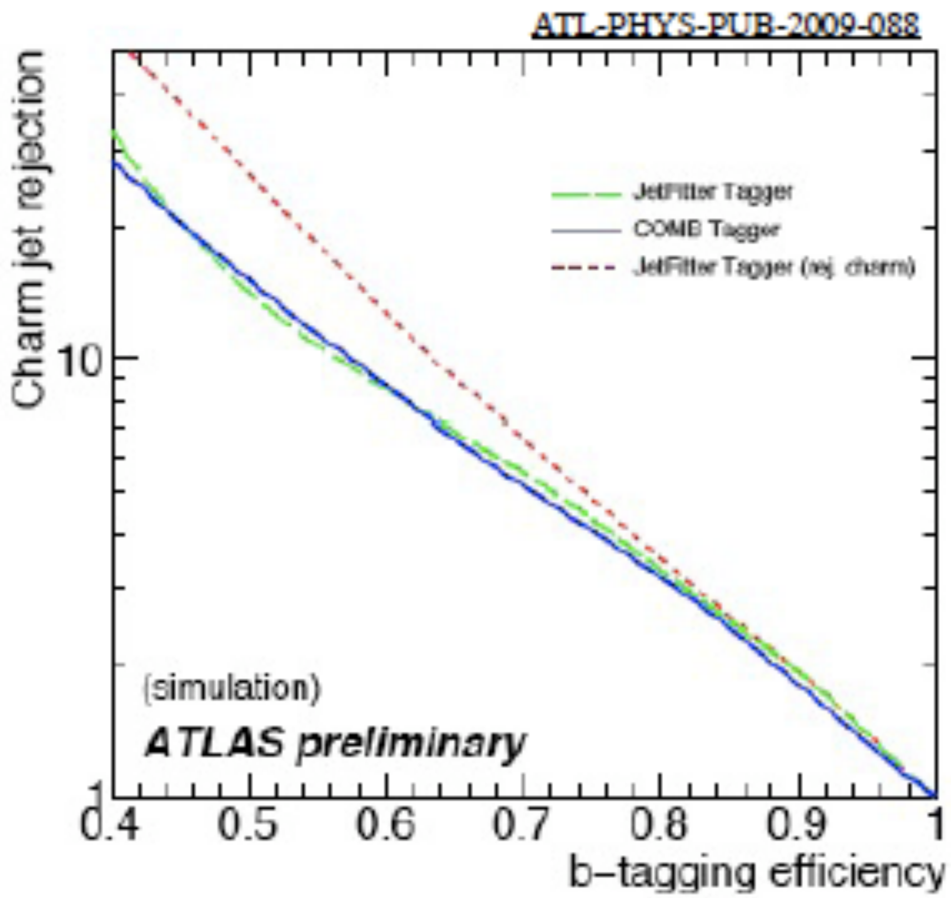


BDRS at ATLAS

ATLAS study: ~3.5σ at L = 30 fb^{-1}

b-tagging seems to work very will within jets with substructure





Boosted Higgses

interesting new approach , **BUT** a bit limited in SM

* boosted Higgs are rare in the SM: $\sim 5\%$ in $H+W/Z$
* need to trigger & suppress SM backgrounds:

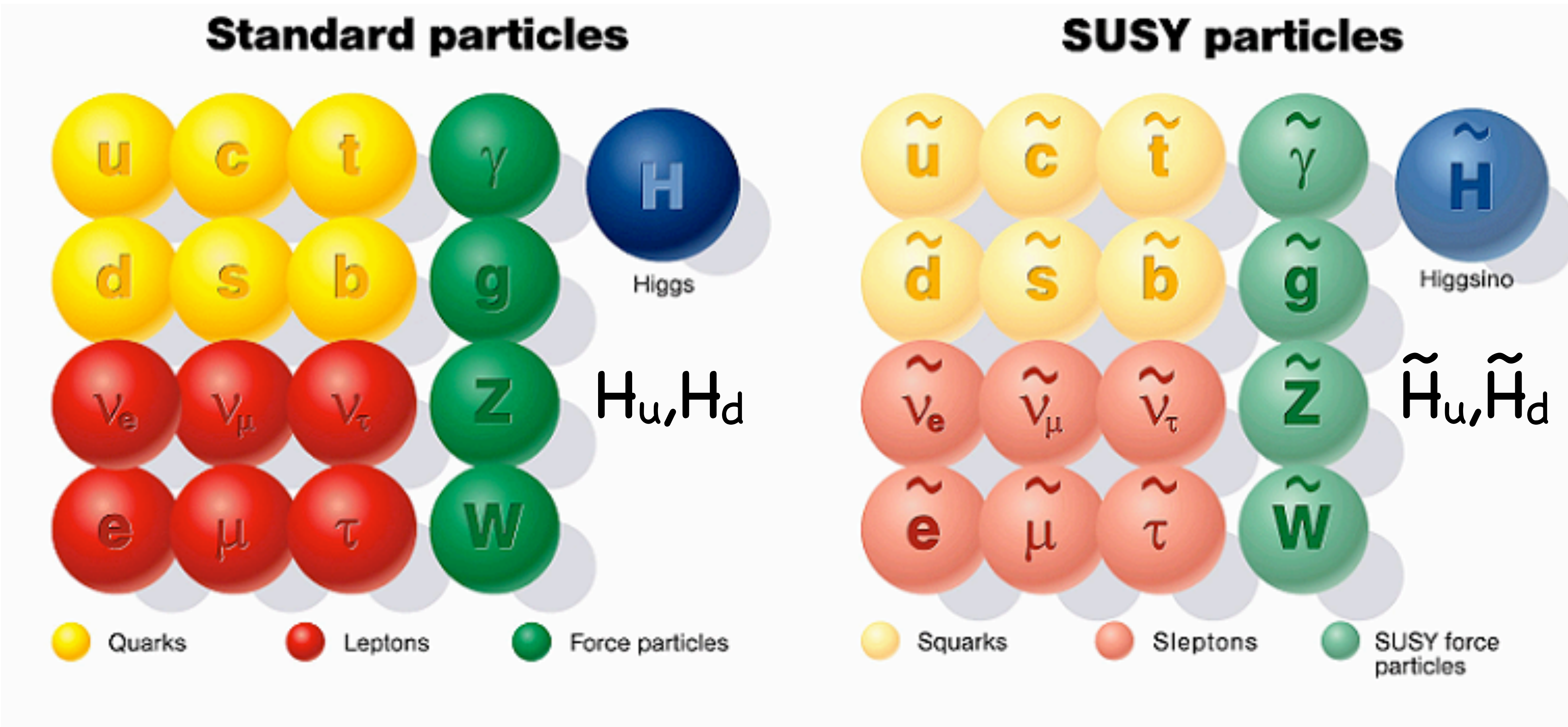
limited to W/Z leptonic decay modes

What about BSM sources of boosted Higgses?

Outline

- Higgs in the SM
- A new handle on h->b bbar
- How jet substructure helps
- Boosted MSSM Higgses
- Substructure for SUSY

For example: Weak Scale Supersymmetry



H_u, H_d

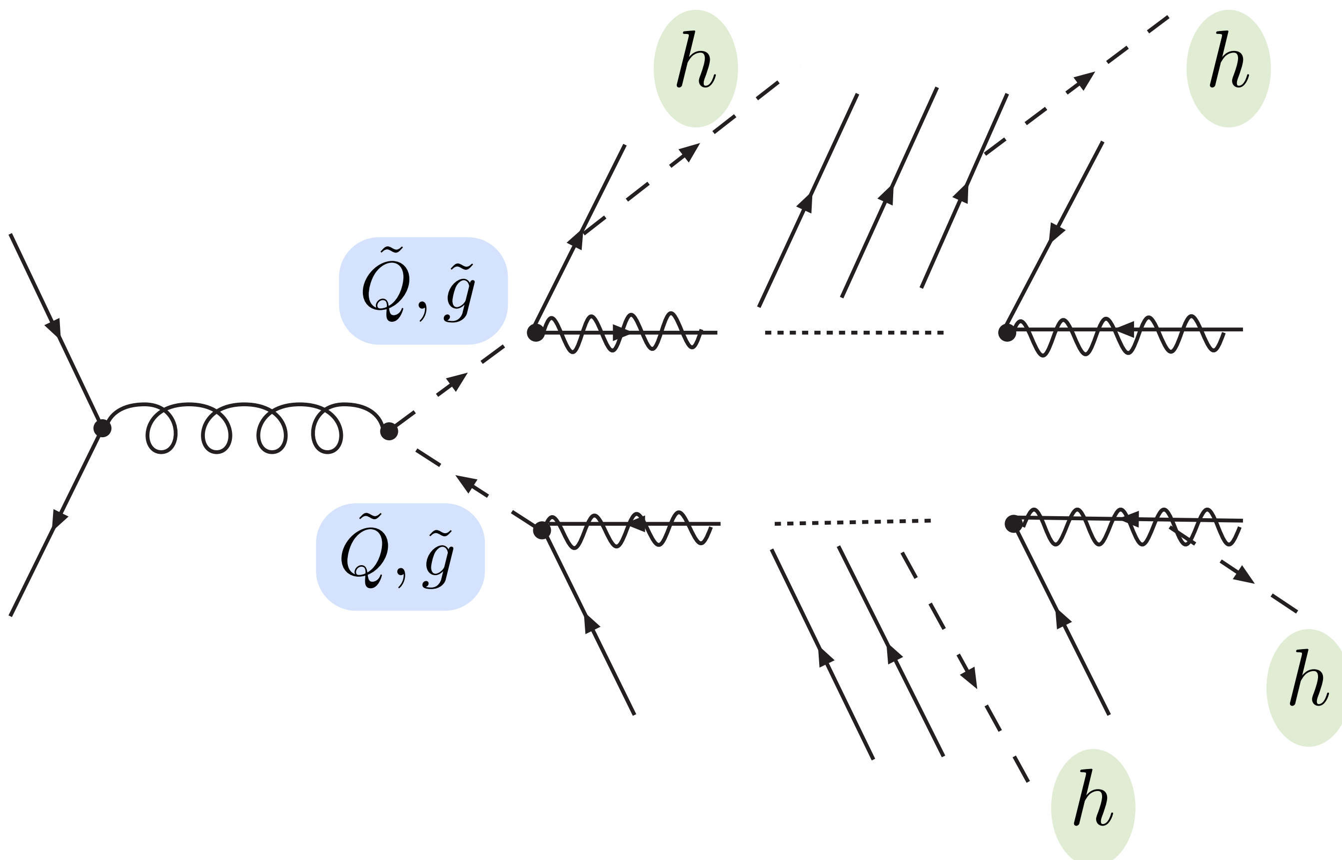
$\tilde{H}_u, \tilde{H}_d$

"Minimal Supersymmetric Standard Model (MSSM)"

Higgs in the MSSM

- MSSM Higgs has to be light $m_h \lesssim 130 \text{ GeV}$, decays dominantly to $b\bar{b}$
- Squarks/gluinos carry color, so they have a large production cross section despite being heavy
- Sparticles cascade decay, decay products can include Higgses
- Sparticles are heavy --> light decay products (h!) tend to be boosted
- All events have MET --> powerful discriminator vs. SM backgrounds

MSSM Higgses from cascade decays

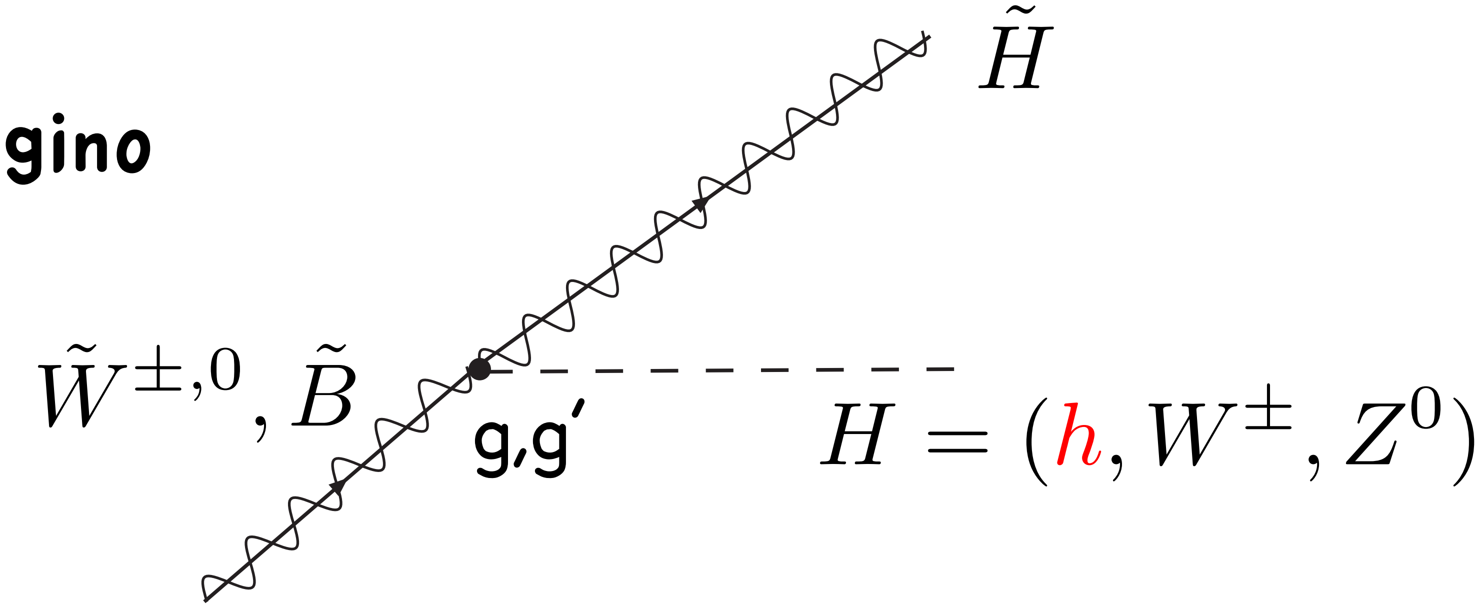


= a new source of boosted Higgses

are ideally suited for substructure analysis

MSSM + boosted Higgses

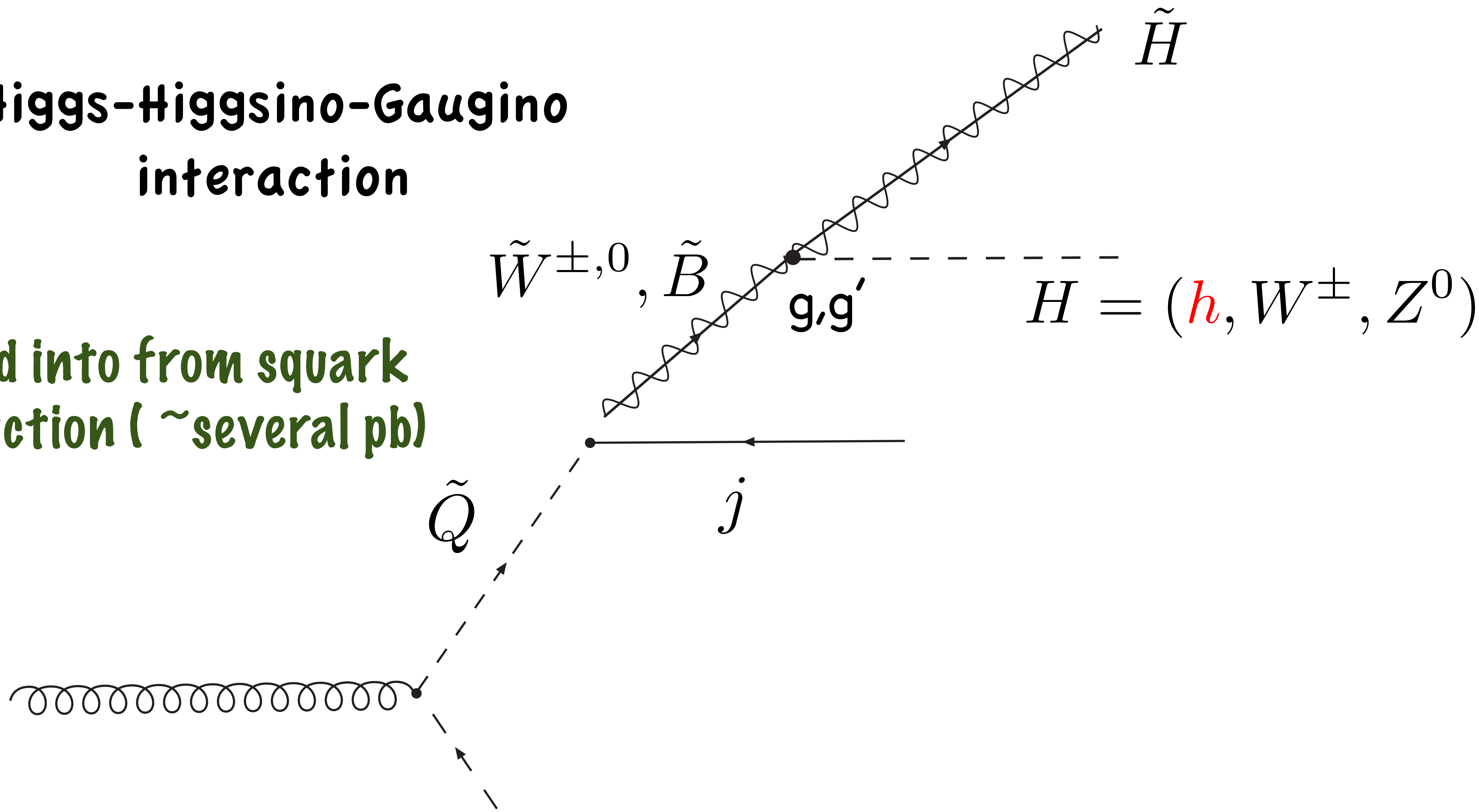
Higgs-Higgsino-Gaugino
interaction



MSSM + boosted Higgses

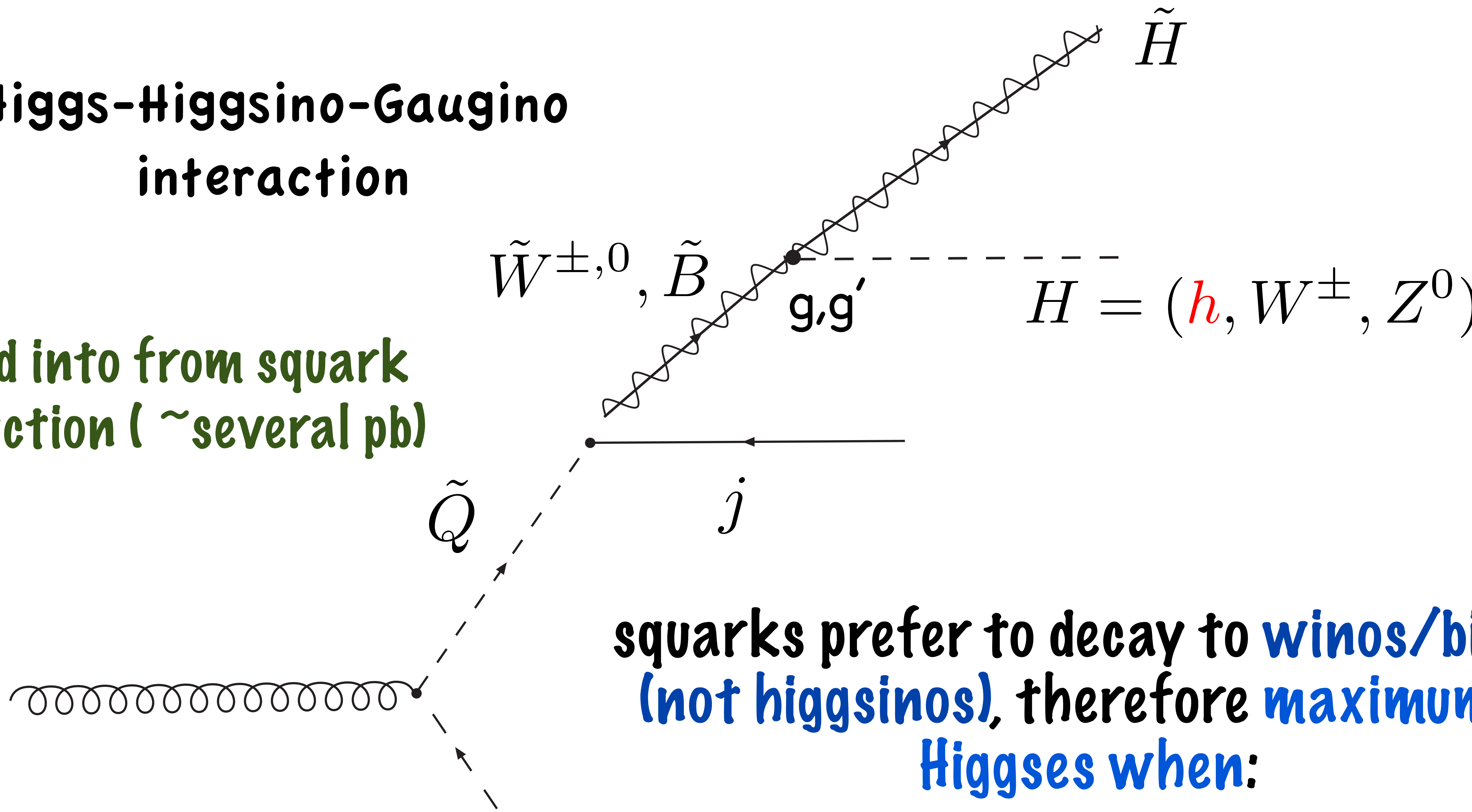
Higgs-Higgsino-Gaugino interaction

... fed into from squark production (~several pb)



MSSM + boosted Higgses

Higgs-Higgsino-Gaugino interaction



... fed into from squark production (~several pb)

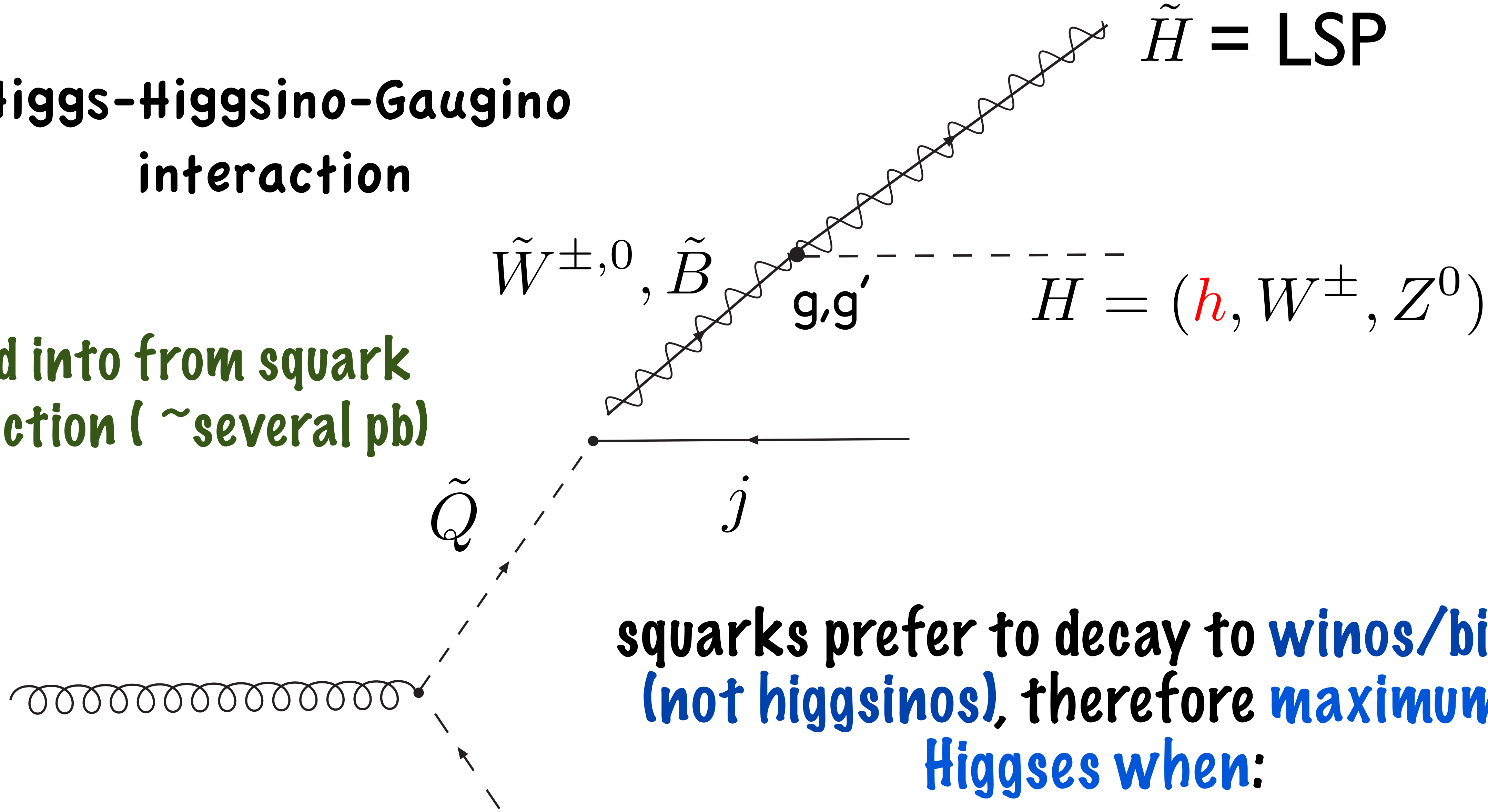
squarks prefer to decay to winos/binos (not higgsinos), therefore maximum # Higgses when:

$$M_{\tilde{Q}} > M_2, M_1 > \mu$$

MSSM + boosted Higgses

Higgs-Higgsino-Gaugino interaction

... fed into from squark production (~several pb)

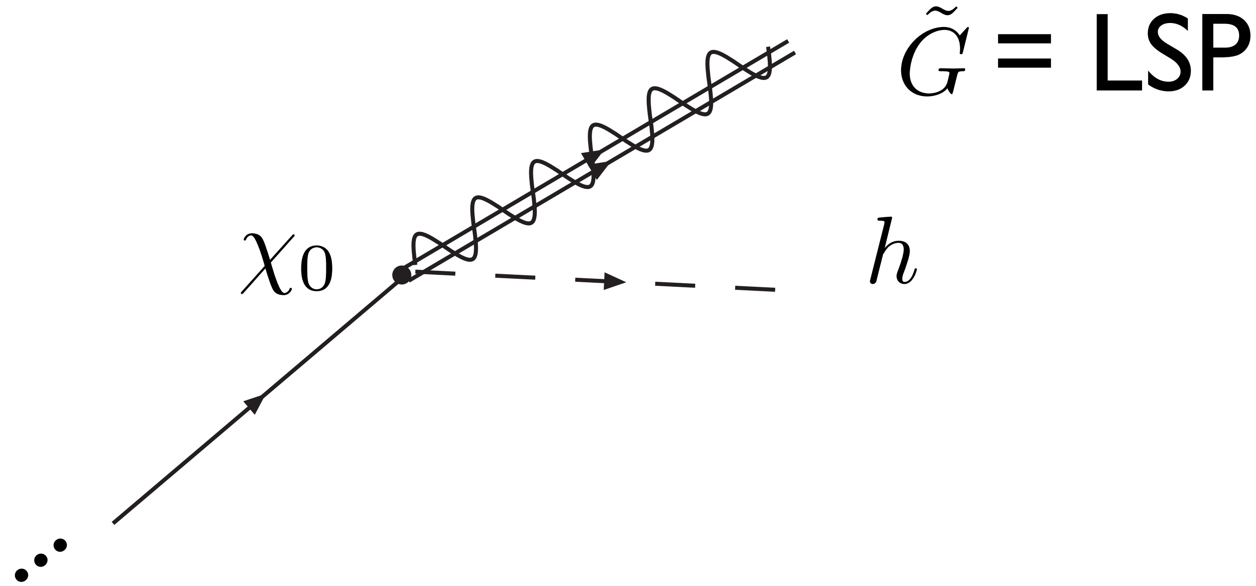


squarks prefer to decay to winos/binos (not higgsinos), therefore maximum # Higgses when:

$$M_{\tilde{Q}} > M_2, M_1 > \mu$$

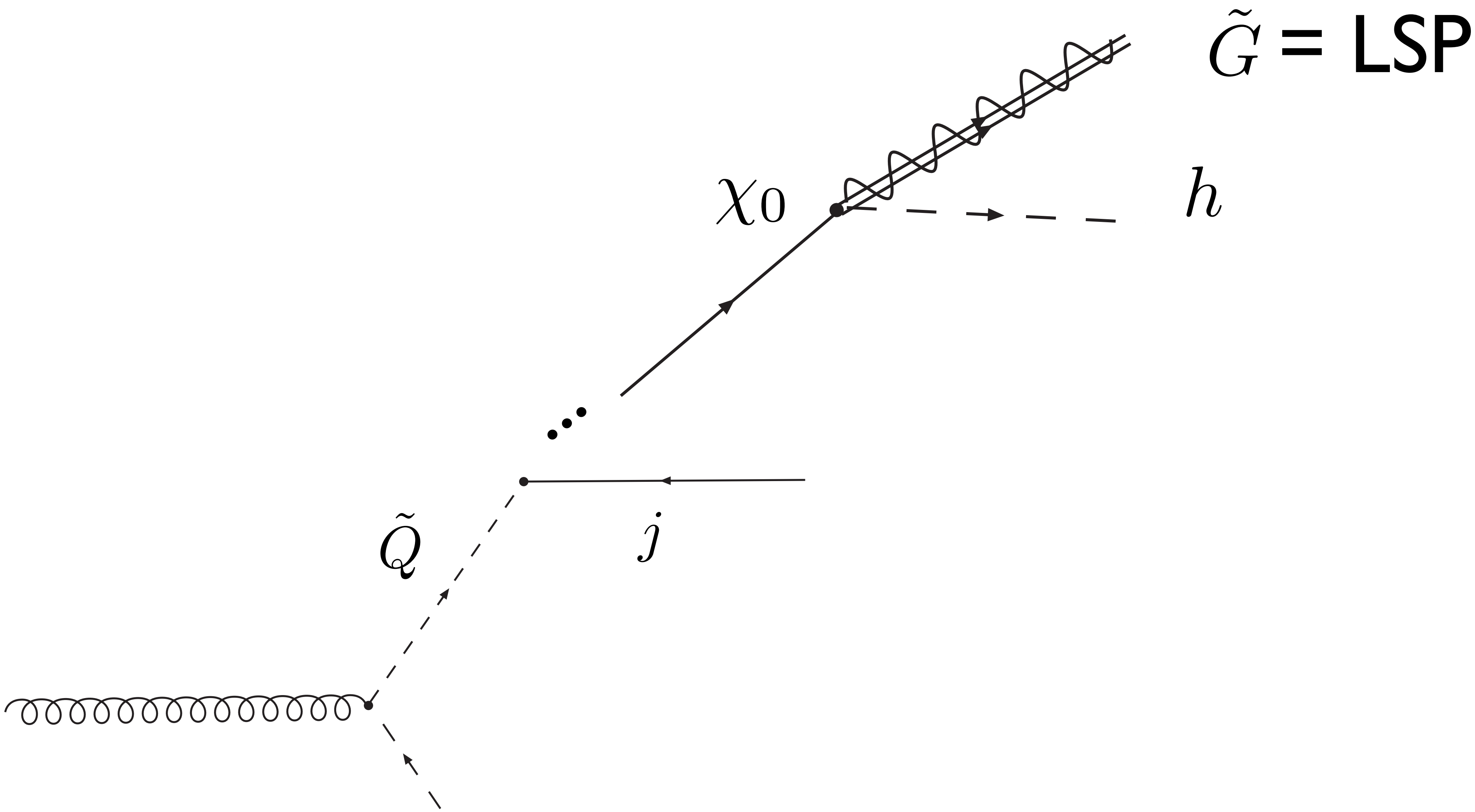
MSSM + boosted Higgses

2.) when the scale of SUSY-breaking is light (gmsb), gravitino is the LSP



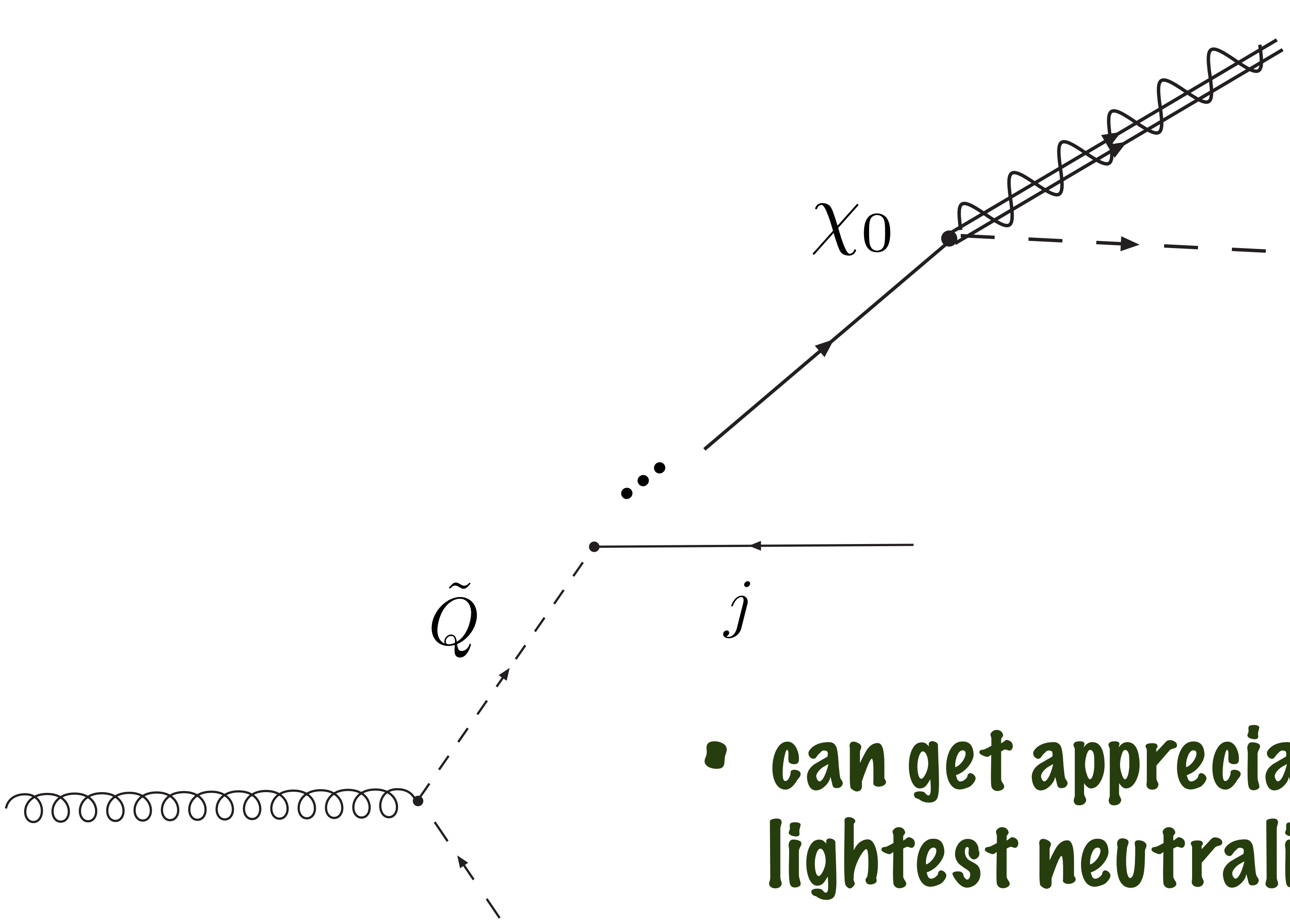
MSSM + boosted Higgses

2.) **when the scale of SUSY-breaking is light (gmsb), gravitino is the LSP**



MSSM + boosted Higgses

2.) when the scale of SUSY-breaking is light (gmsb), gravitino is the LSP



$\chi_0 \to \gamma \, / \, Z \, / h$

depending on $M_1, M_2, \mu, \tan\beta$

- can get appreciable BR to Higgses when the lightest neutralino is primarily Higgsino

$|\mu| \ll M_1, M_2$ (Matchev, Thomas '99 Meade, Reece, Shih '09)

- **Mixed decay mode** $\chi_0\chi_0 \to h + \gamma + \not{E}_T + X$ **is especially clean**

MSSM + boosted Higgses

Branching ratios and boosted fraction: neutralino LSP

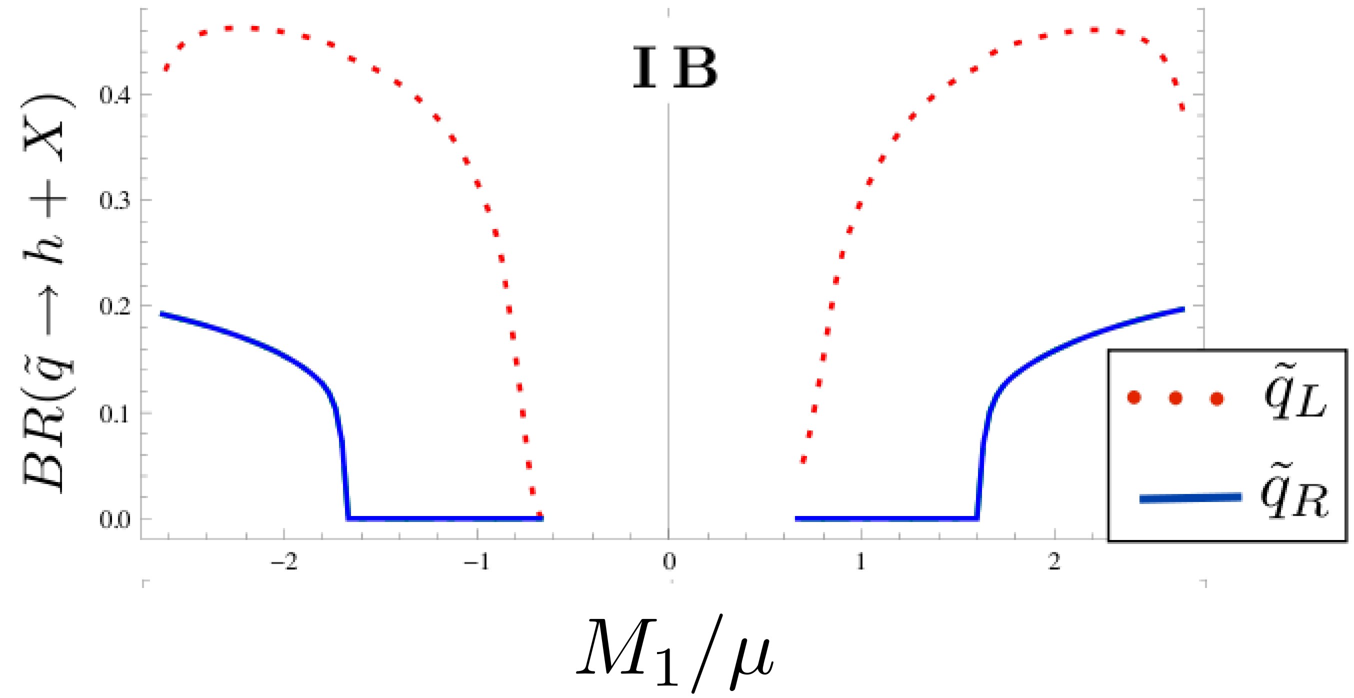
Ex.) $M_{\tilde{Q}} = 1\ \mathrm{TeV}$

$\tan\beta = 10$

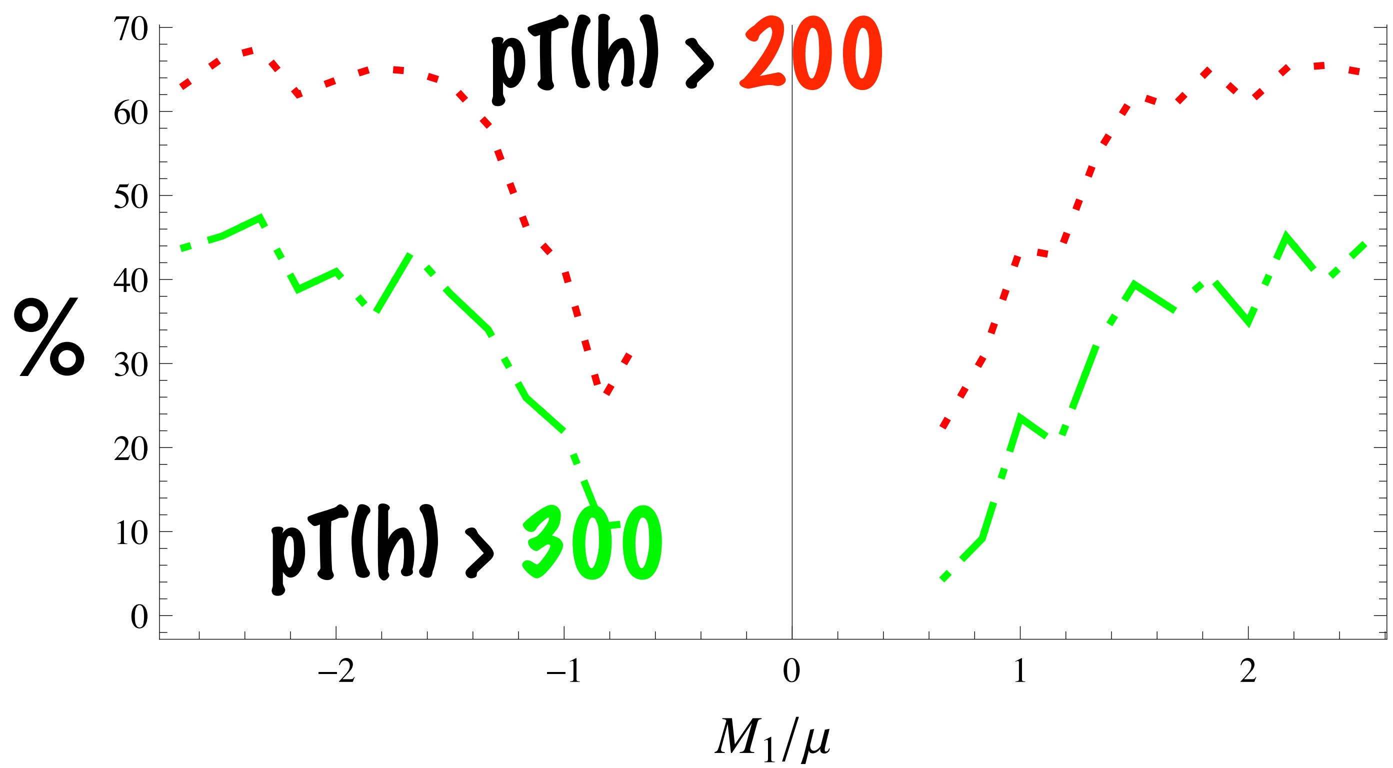
$\mu = 150\ \mathrm{GeV}$

$M_{\tilde{L}} = 1\ \mathrm{TeV}$

$M_2 = 2M_1, M_3 = 7M_1$



Boosted Fraction

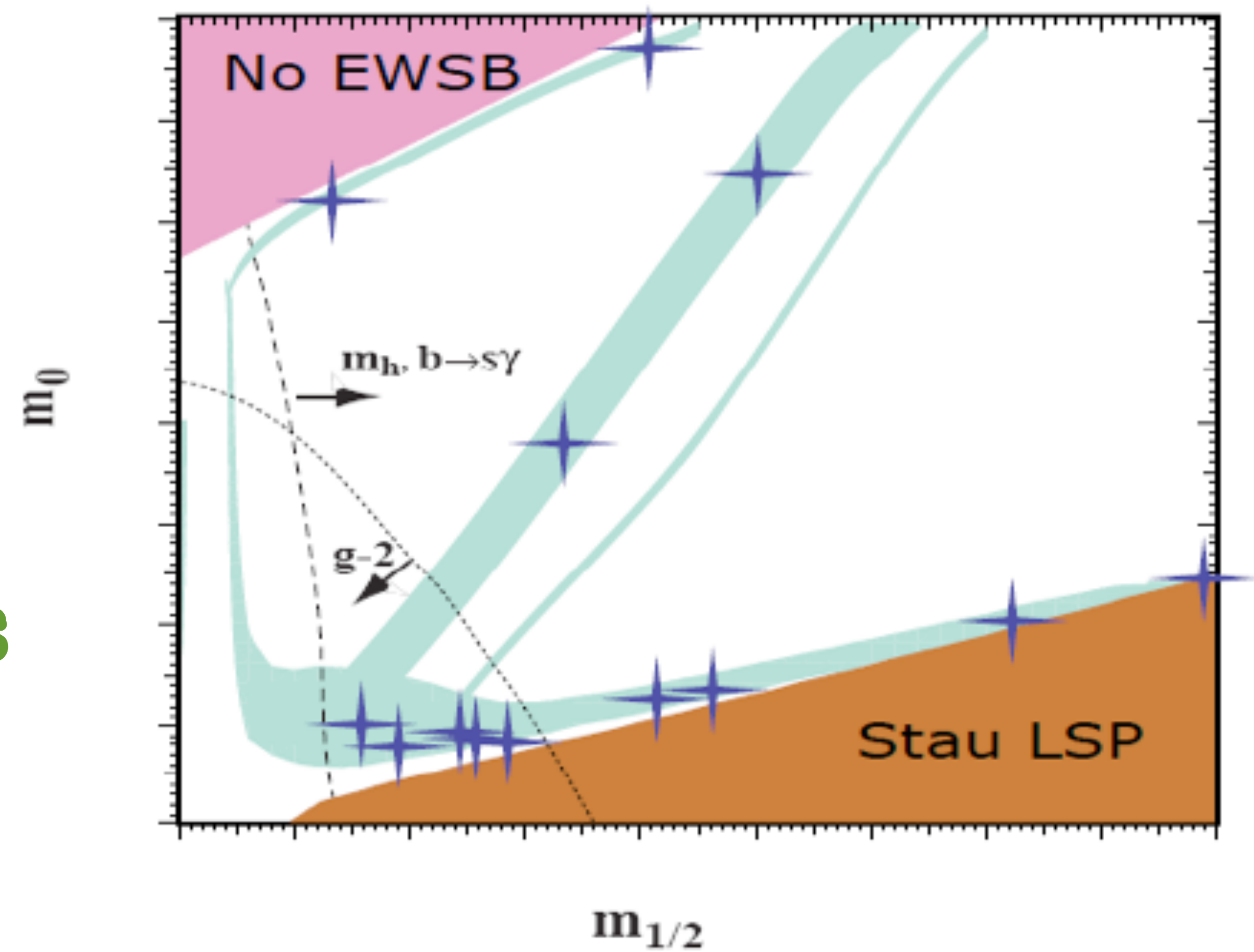


Hasn't cascade-Higgs been done before? Not really

1.) mSUGRA-ism --

Higgs BC + EWSB conditions generically give large μ

too few Higgses in cascades



forget mSUGRA, there is a much wider parameter space to explore!

Hasn't cascade-Higgs been done before? Not really

2.) light Higgsino LSP is not great for DM (< obs)

as long as we don't create $\Omega_{DM} > \Omega_{DM}^{obs}$

shouldn't be a constraint for Higgs discovery!

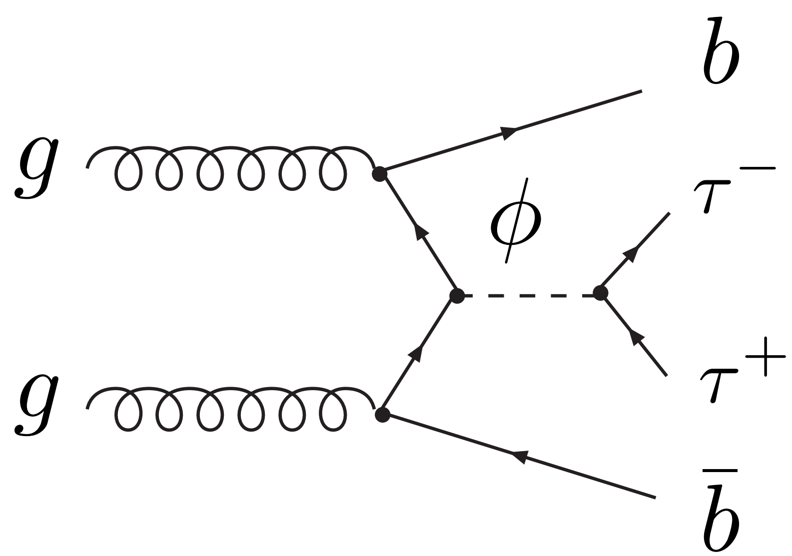
3.) Without boosted/substructure techniques, combinatorial background is much bigger --> degrades mass resolution

Outline

- Higgs in the SM
- A new handle on h->b bbar
- How jet substructure helps
- Boosted MSSM Higgses
- Substructure for SUSY

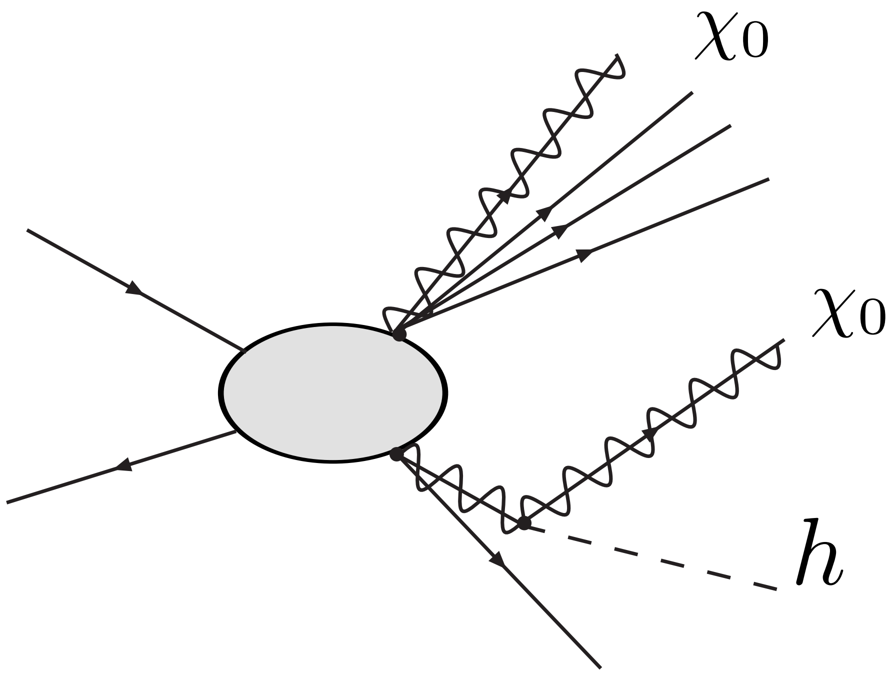
Higgses source comparison

how people usually look for the MSSM Higgs



- Higgs produced in association with SM particles
- smaller cross section (set by y_b)
- no (BSM) MET
- only SM backgrounds

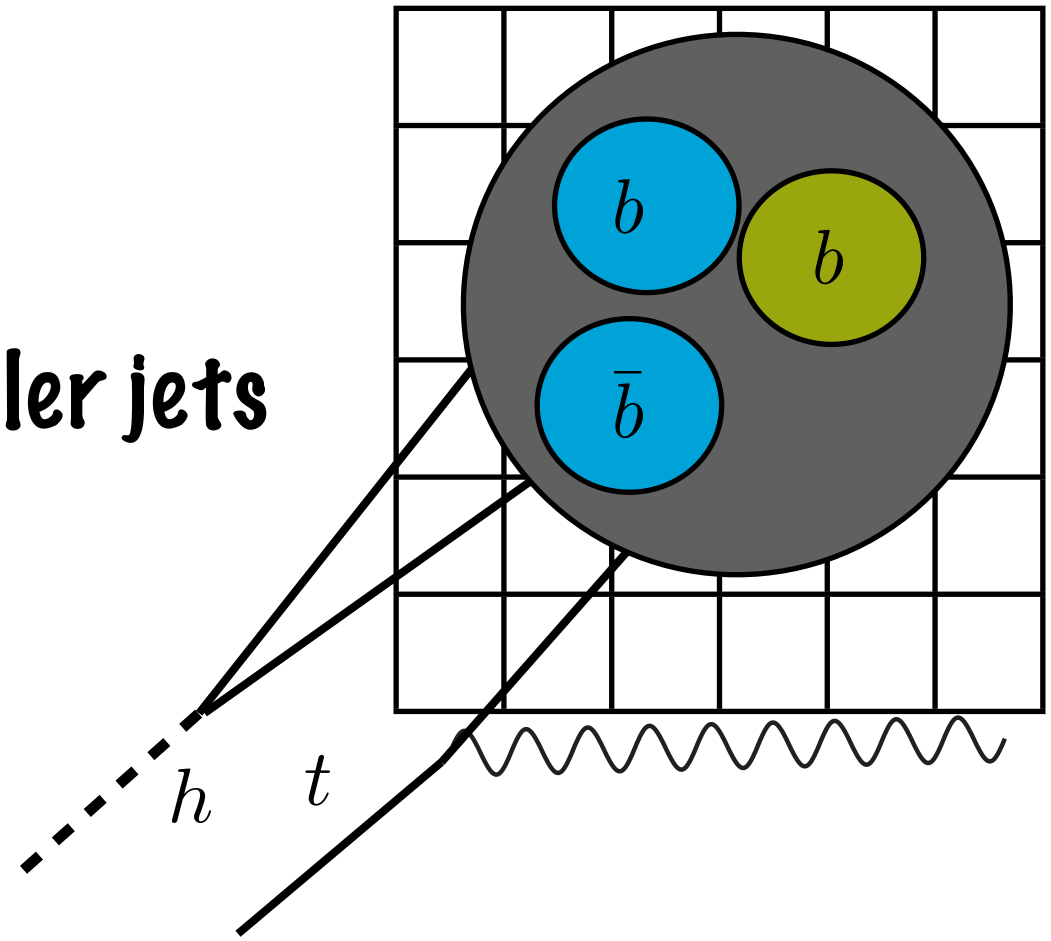
how I want to look for the MSSM Higgs



- Higgses from sparticle decays
- Impose MET, H_T cuts to suppress SM background
- look for fat jets (C/A, R = 1.2)
- Look for substructure in remaining events -- suppresses combinatorial SUSY background & pulls out any Higgses

Substructure for SUSY

SUSY events are busy. Lots of extra high-p_T partons flying around from decays of $\tilde{q}/\chi^{\pm,0}/t$



We could:

1. Focus on higher boost = smaller jets

2. Adapt substructure routine

Substructure for SUSY

SUSY events are busy. Lots of extra high-p_T partons flying around from decays of $\tilde{q}/\chi^{\pm,0}/t$

Specifically:

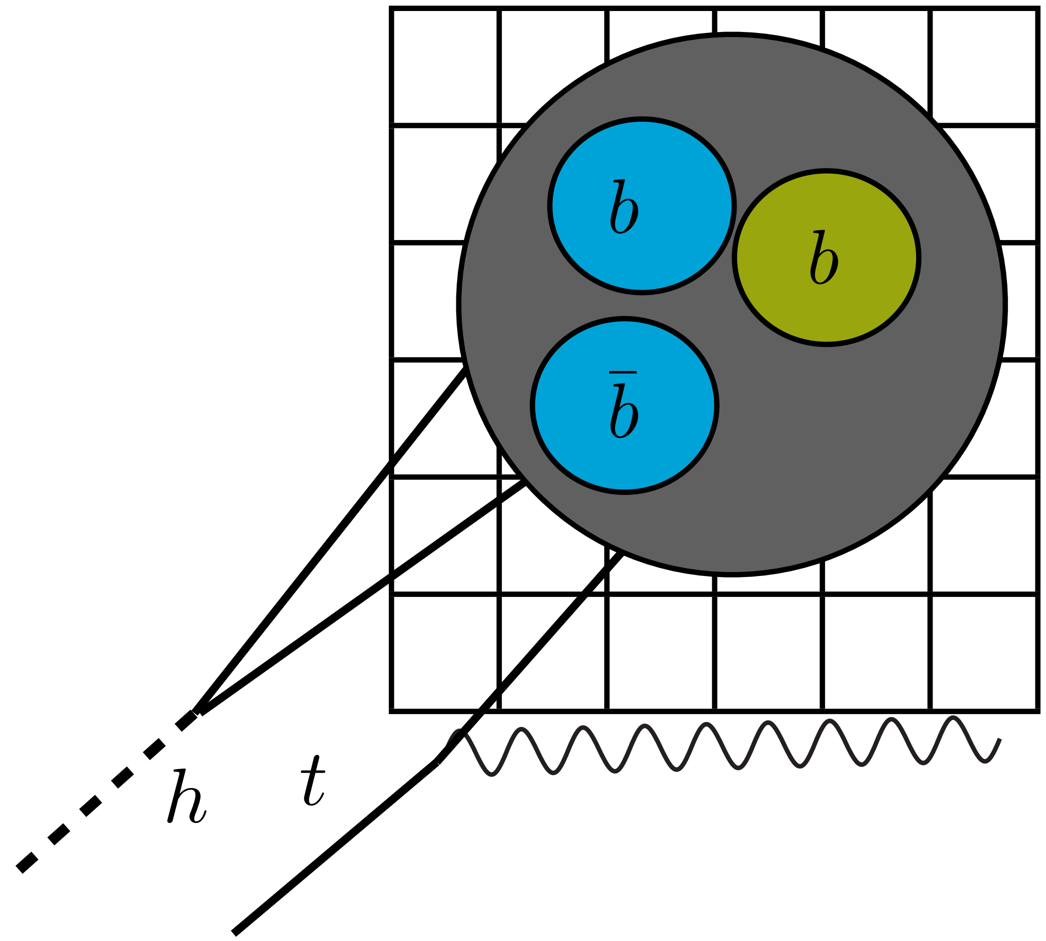
1. undo clustering: j -> j_1 + j_2

2a. if a mass drop (BDRS):

- keep j_2 = constituent
- j_1 -> j, goto 1.)

2b. otherwise, j_1 -> j, goto 1.

3. continue until $p_{T,j}$ < 30 GeV



take 2 b-tagged constituents with most similar p_T, filter

candidate higgs

Substructure for SUSY

SUSY events are busy. Lots of extra high-p_T partons flying around from decays of $\tilde{q}/\chi^{\pm,0}/t$

Specifically:

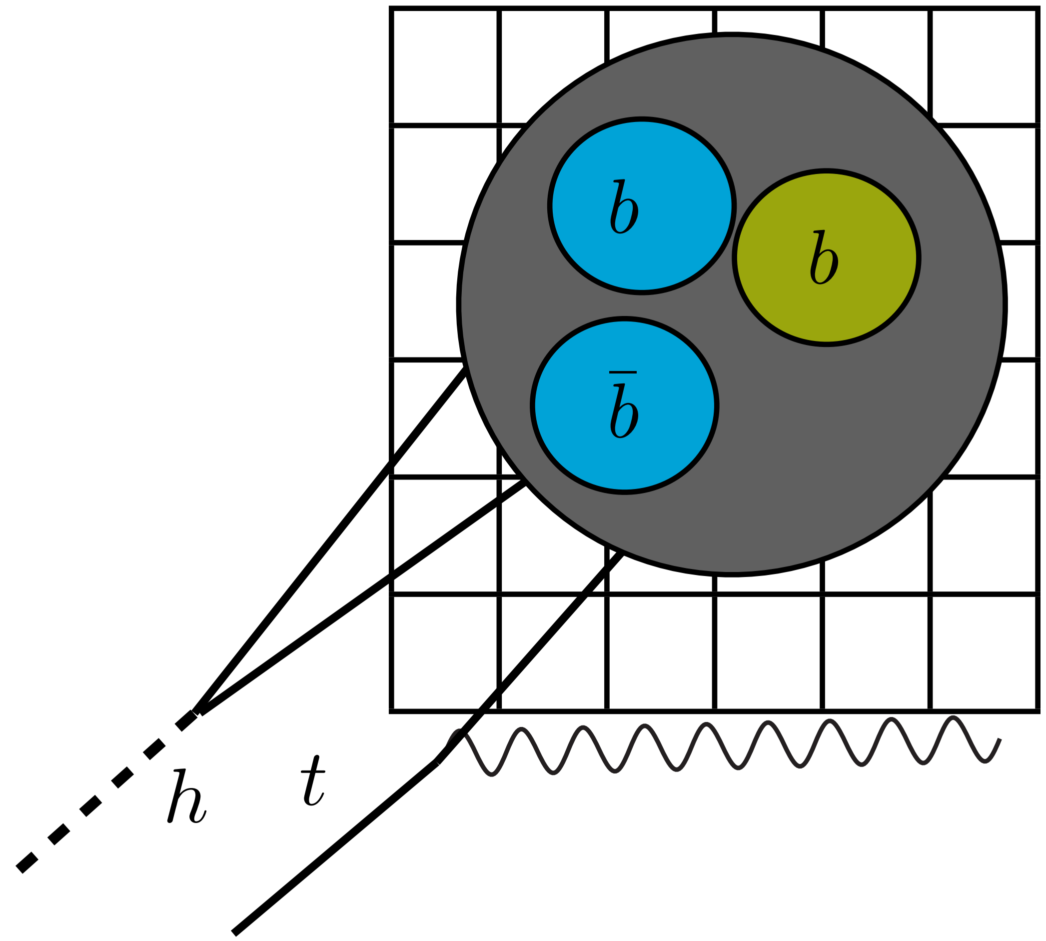
1. undo clustering: $j \to j_1 + j_2$

2a. if a mass drop (BDRS):

- keep j_2 = constituent
- $j_1 \to j$, goto 1.)

2b. otherwise, $j_1 \to j$, goto 1.

3. continue until $p_{T,j} < 30$ GeV

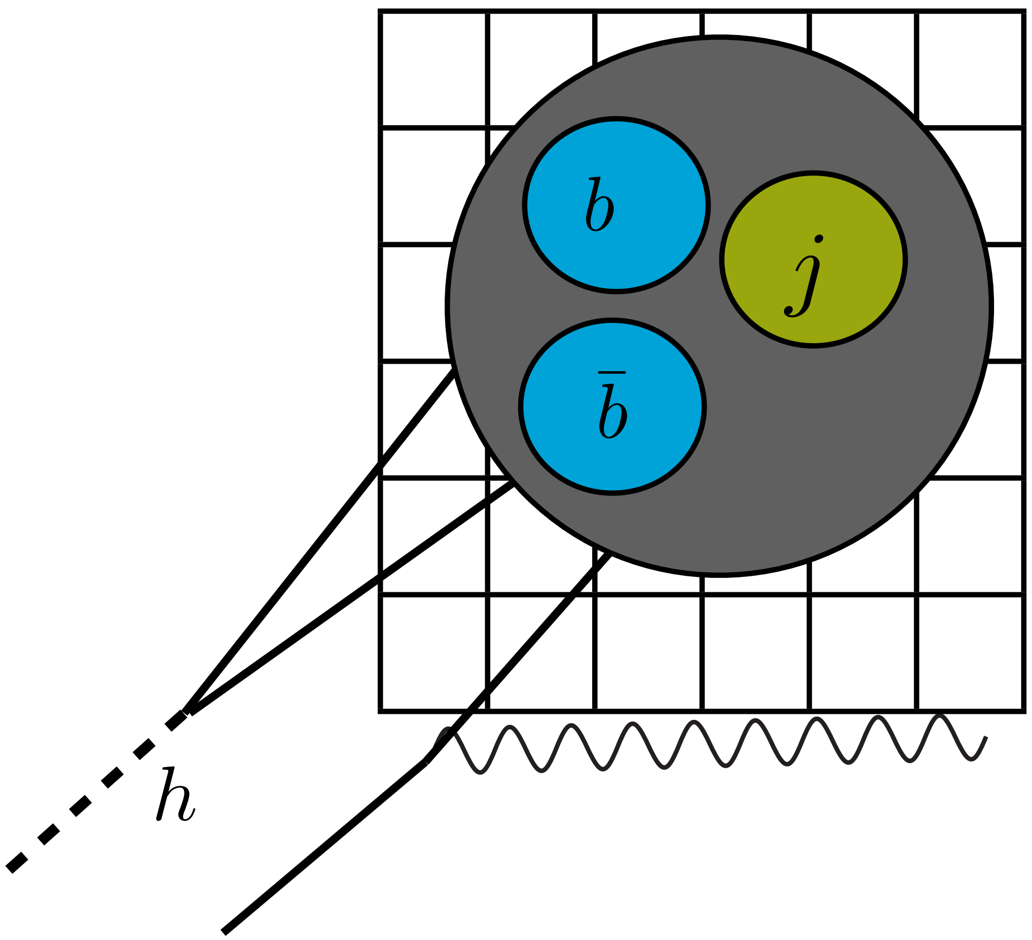


take 2 b-tagged constituents with most similar p_T, filter

candidate higgs

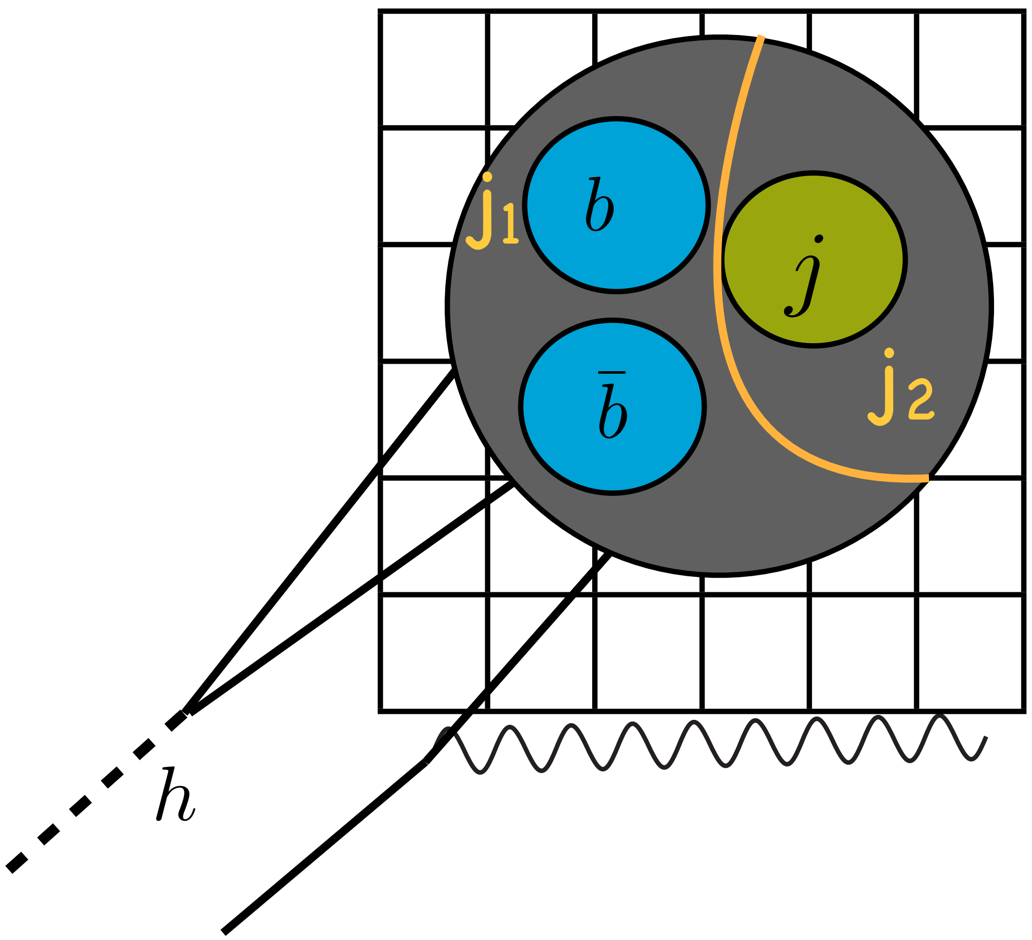
similar method to t tbar h tagger (Plehn, Salam, Spannowsky '09)

Substructure for SUSY



now, results..

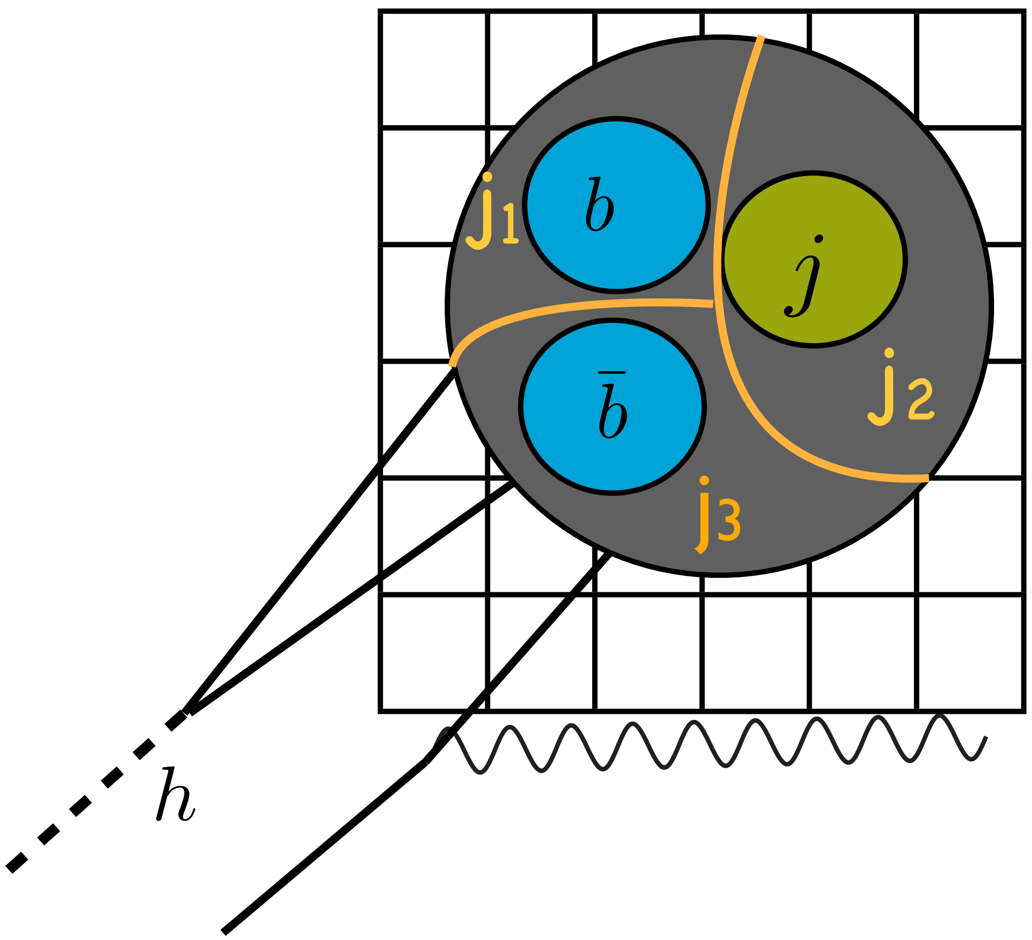
Substructure for SUSY



BDRS stops here

now, results..

Substructure for SUSY

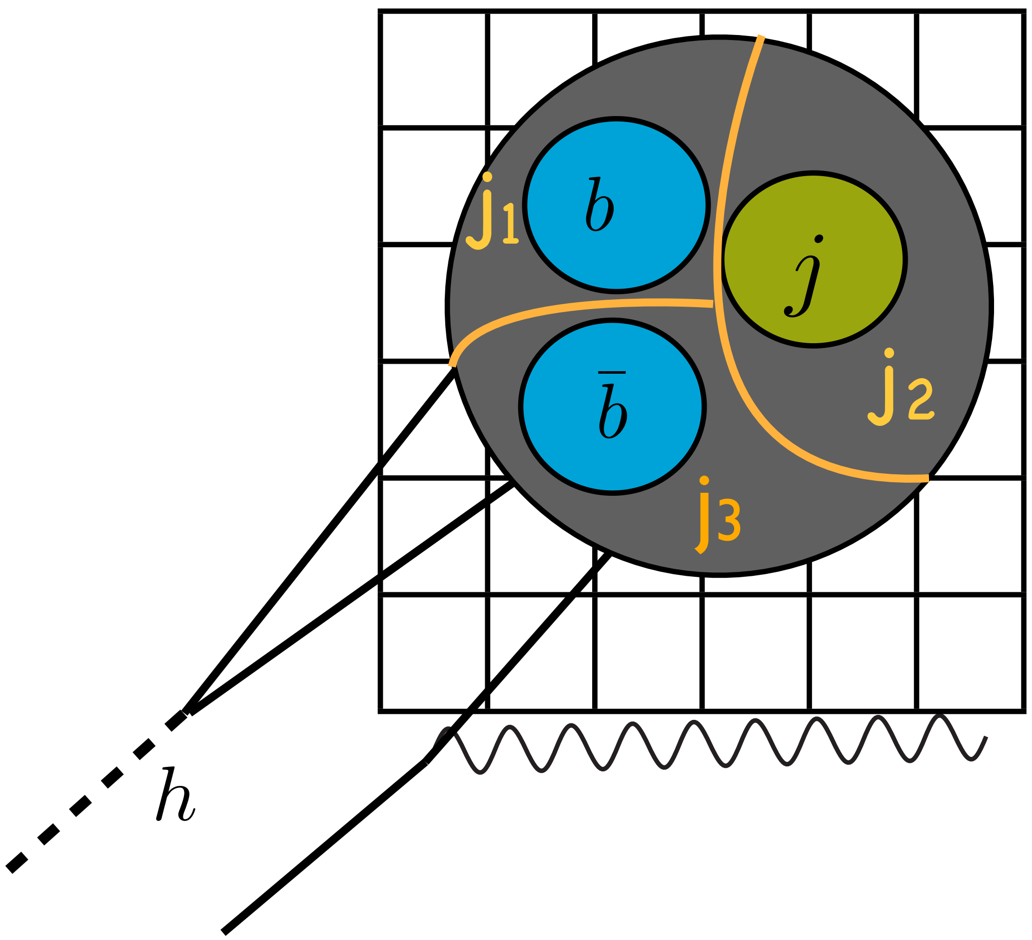


BDRS stops here

'similarity' method keeps going

now, results..

Substructure for SUSY



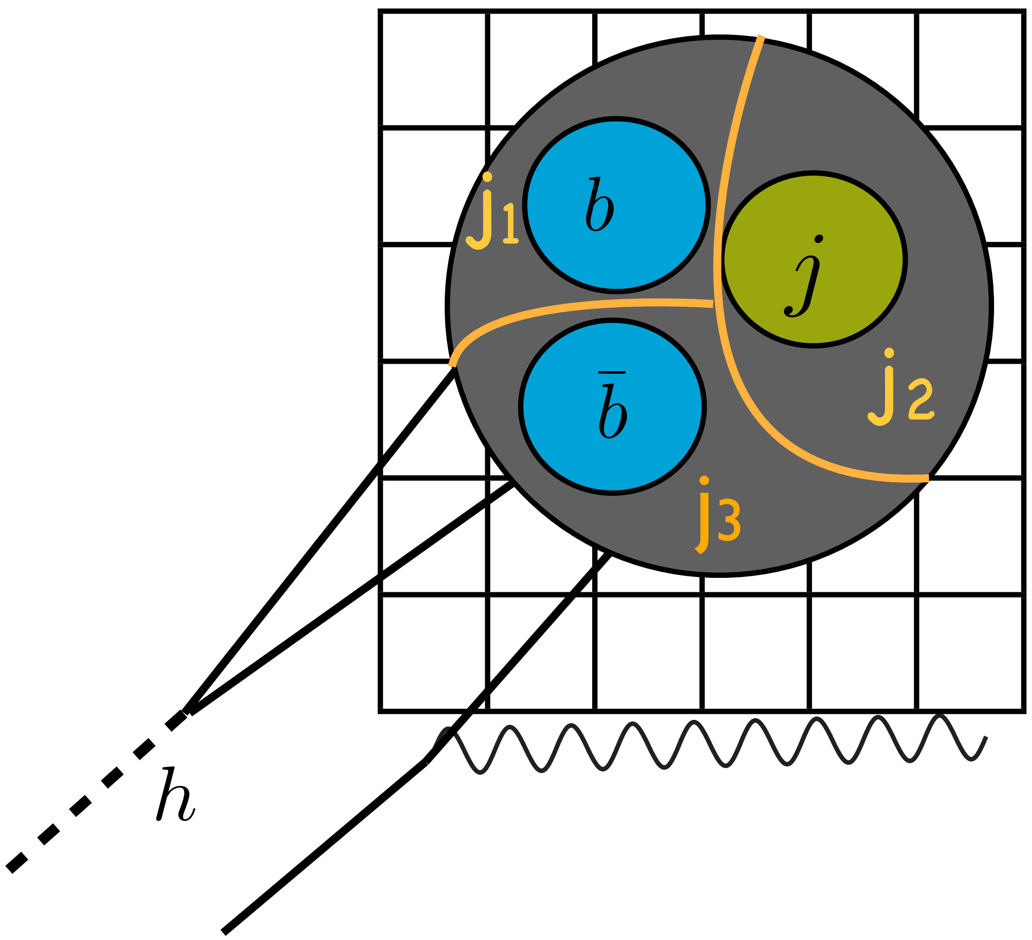
BDRS stops here

'similarity' method keeps going

Higgs is spin-0 -> more symmetric decay products

now, results..

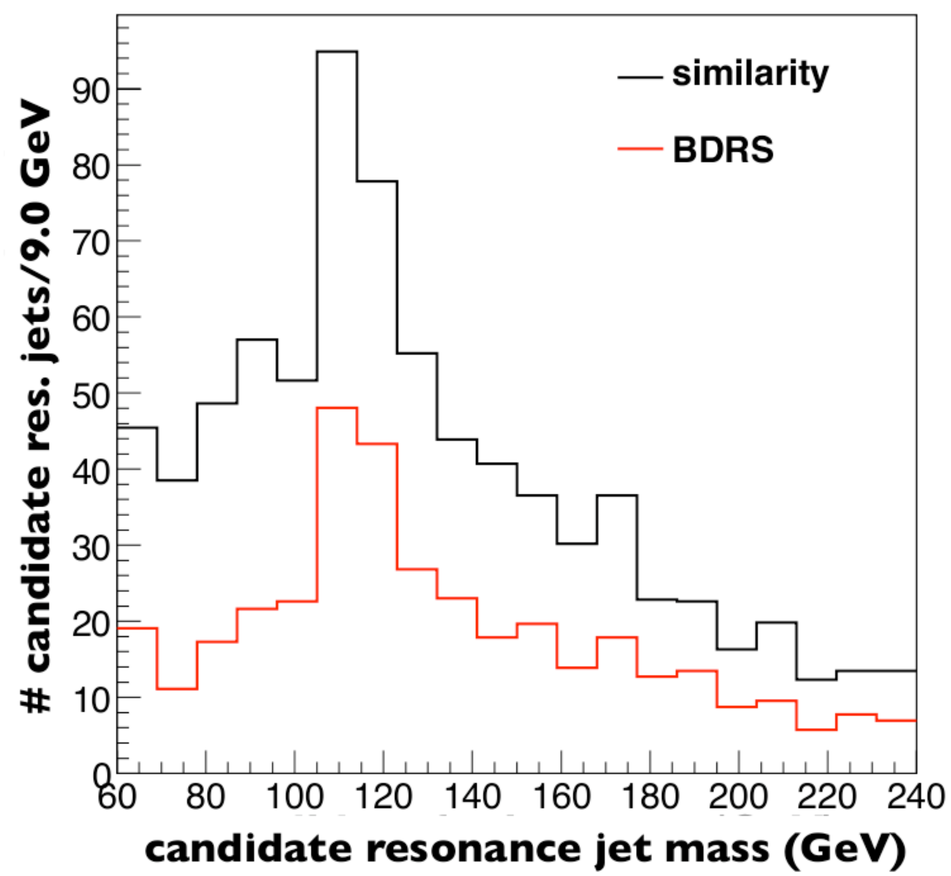
Substructure for SUSY



BDRS stops here

'similarity' method keeps going

Higgs is spin-0 -> more symmetric decay products

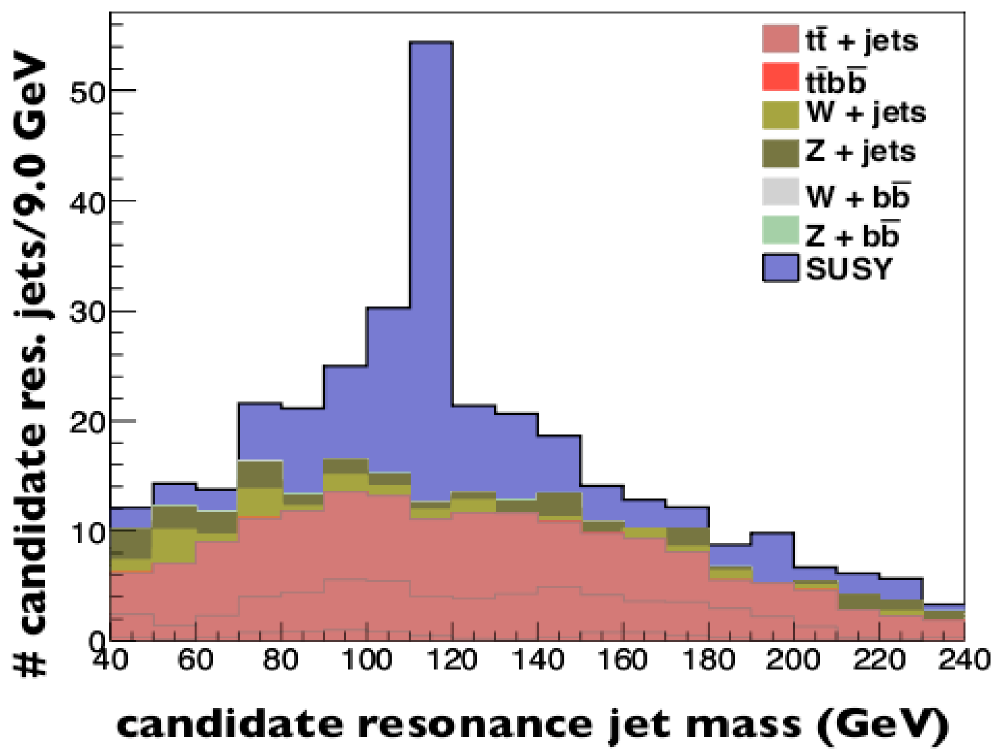


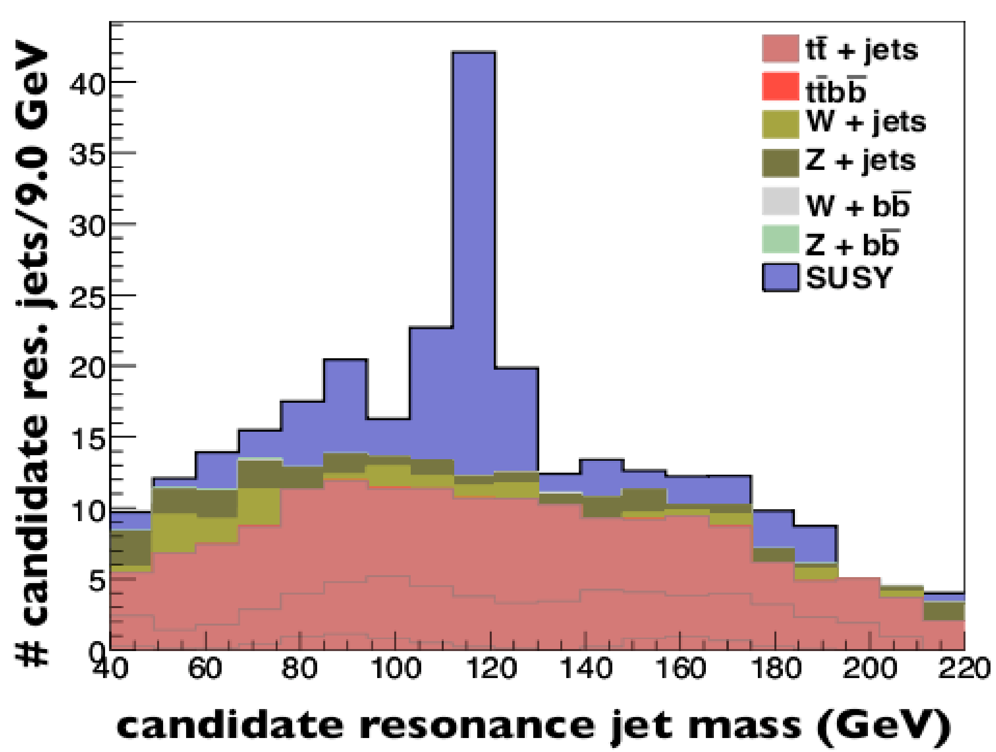
more efficient in busy environments

now, results..

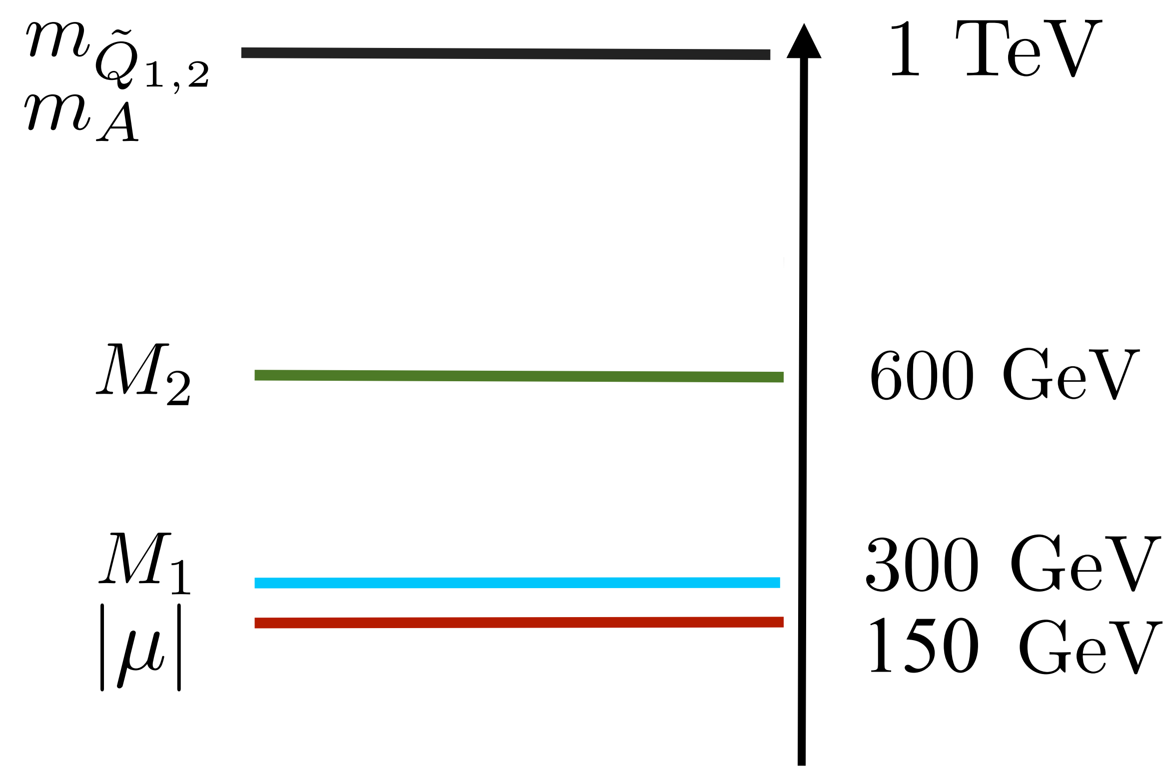
Neutralino LSP Results: #1

$L = 10\ \mathrm{fb}^{-1}, \sqrt{s} = 14\ \mathrm{TeV}$





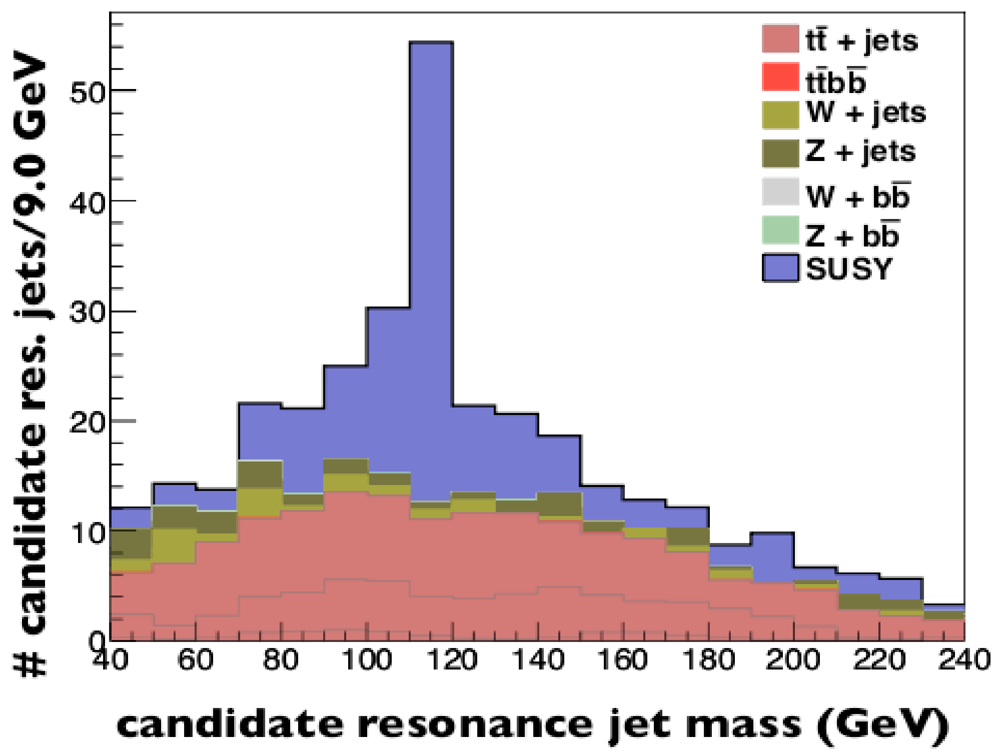
$$BR(\tilde{u}_L, \tilde{d}_L \to h + X) \sim 23\%$$
$$BR(\tilde{u}_R, \tilde{d}_R \to h + X) \sim 16\%$$

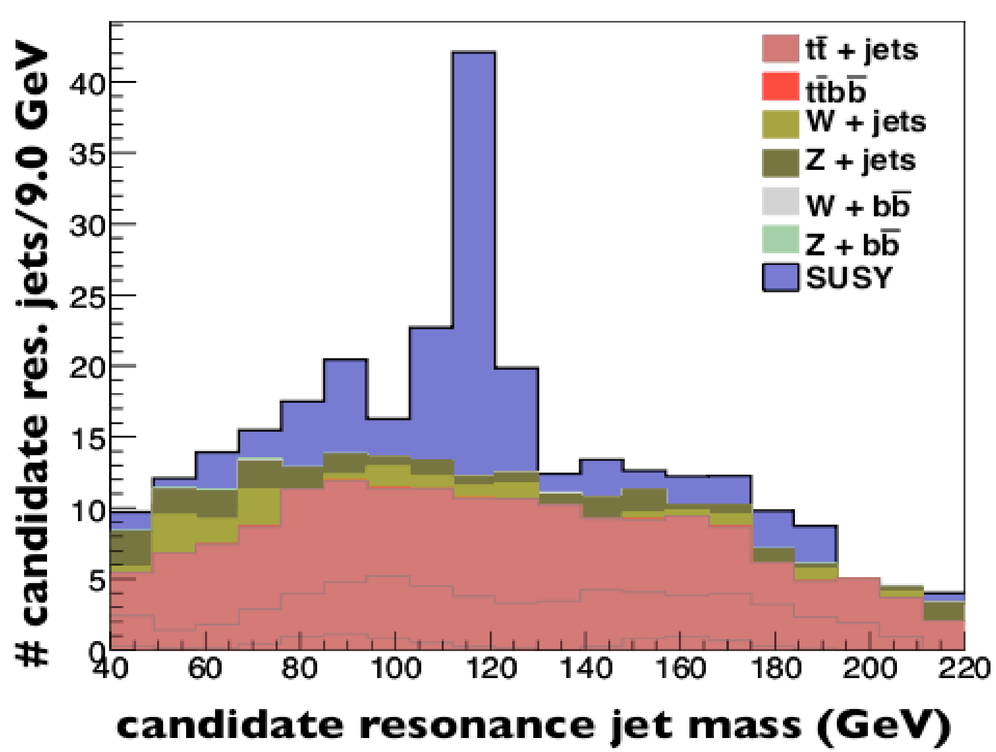


MET > 300 GeV, H_T > 1 TeV, 3+ jets, + substructure

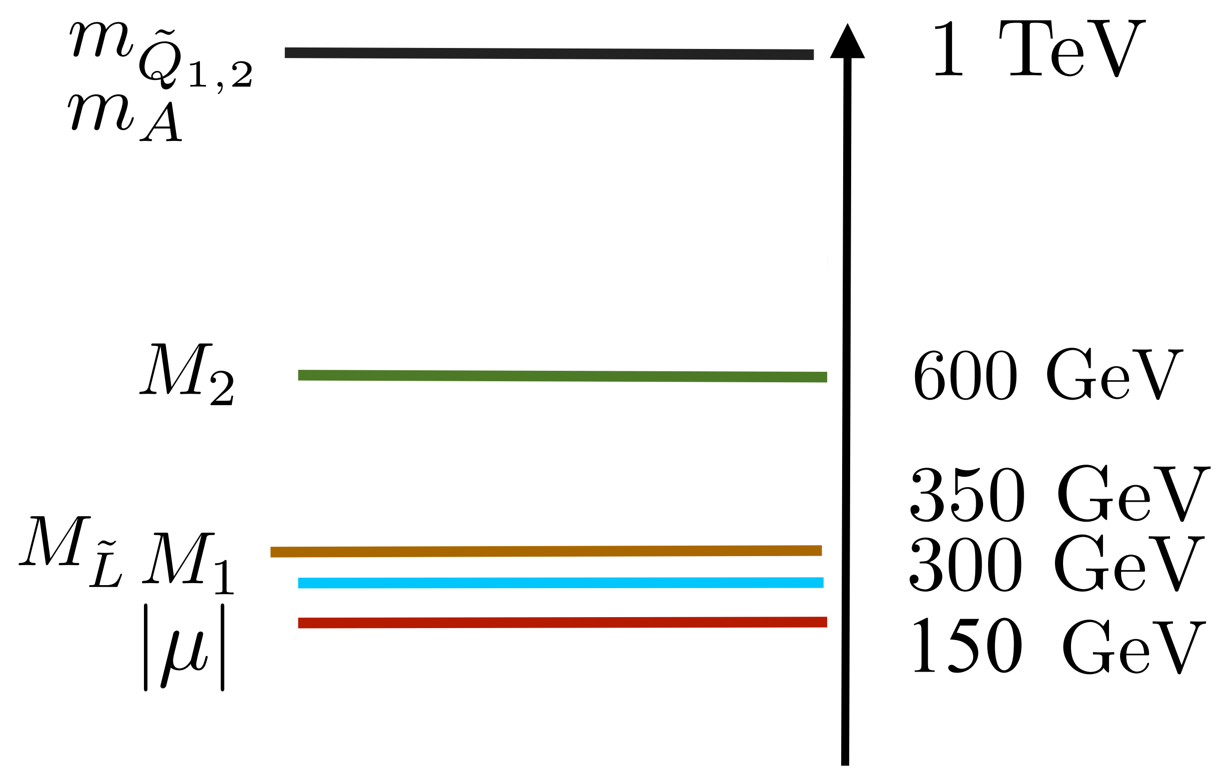
Neutralino LSP Results: #1

$L = 10\ \text{fb}^{-1}, \sqrt{s} = 14\ \text{TeV}$





$$BR(\tilde{u}_L, \tilde{d}_L \to h + X) \sim 23\%$$
$$BR(\tilde{u}_R, \tilde{d}_R \to h + X) \sim 16\%$$



MET > 300 GeV, H_T > 1 TeV, 3+ jets, + substructure

Results: Details

Background: ALPGEN ⟶ PYTHIA6.4

Signal: SUSPECT2 ⟶ PYTHIA6.4

underlying event: ATLAS tune

- All final-state hadrons grouped into cells of size $(\Delta\eta \times \Delta\phi) = (0.1 \times 0.1)$
- Each cell is rescaled to be massless (Thaler, Wang '08)

jet gymnastics performed using FastJet (hep-ph/0512210)

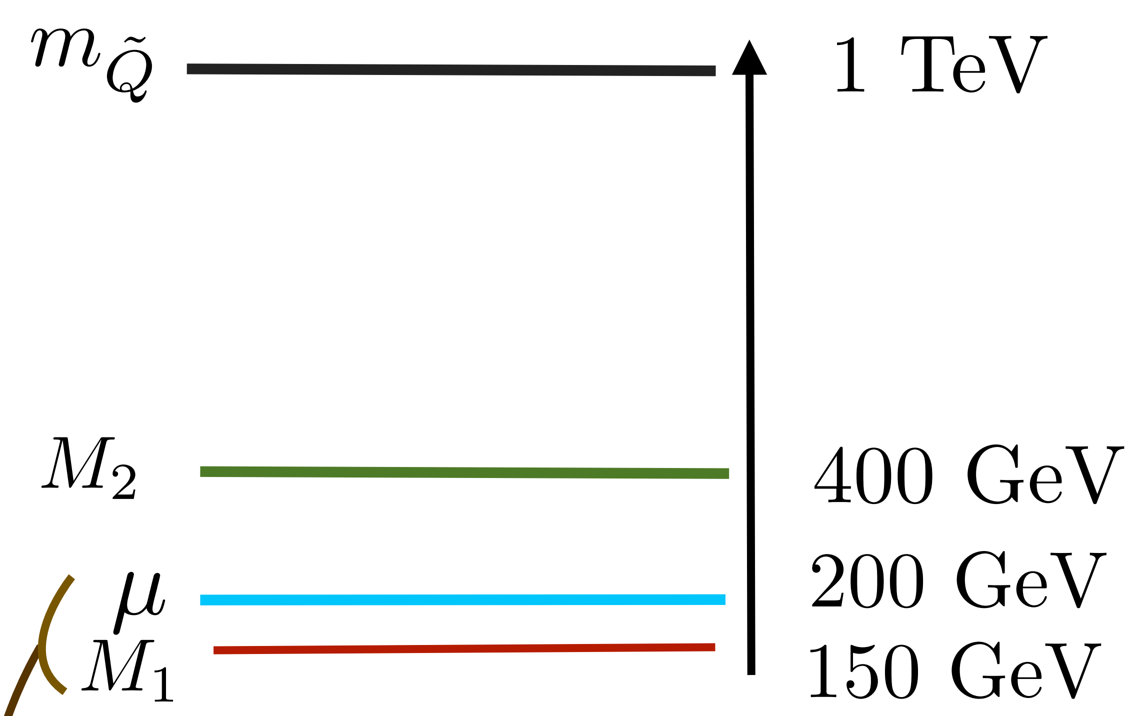
b-tagging: 60% efficiency, 2% fake rate

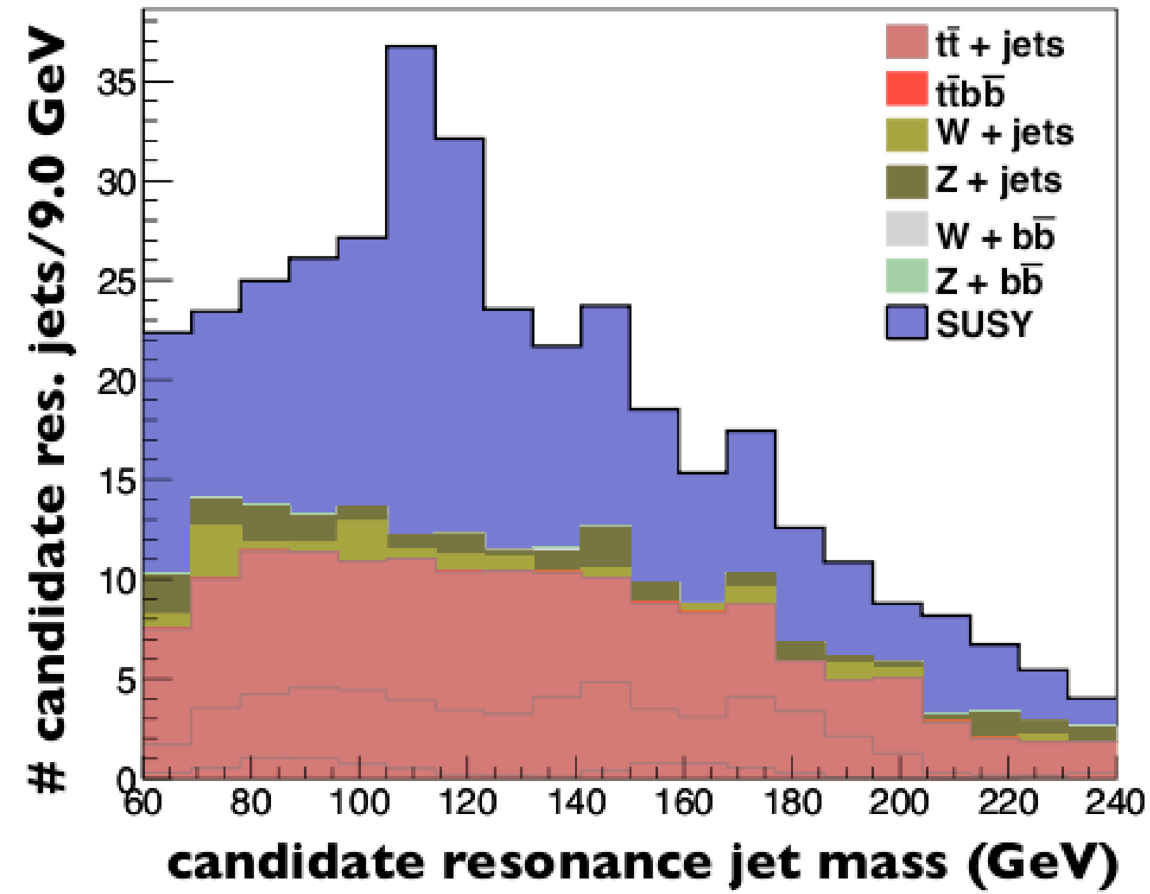
jet-photon fake rate: $.1\%$

"But I really liked SUSY Dark Matter..."

Though we typically have too little DM

permitting $M_1 \lesssim \mu$, we can get consistent Ω_{DM}
without losing all our Higgses



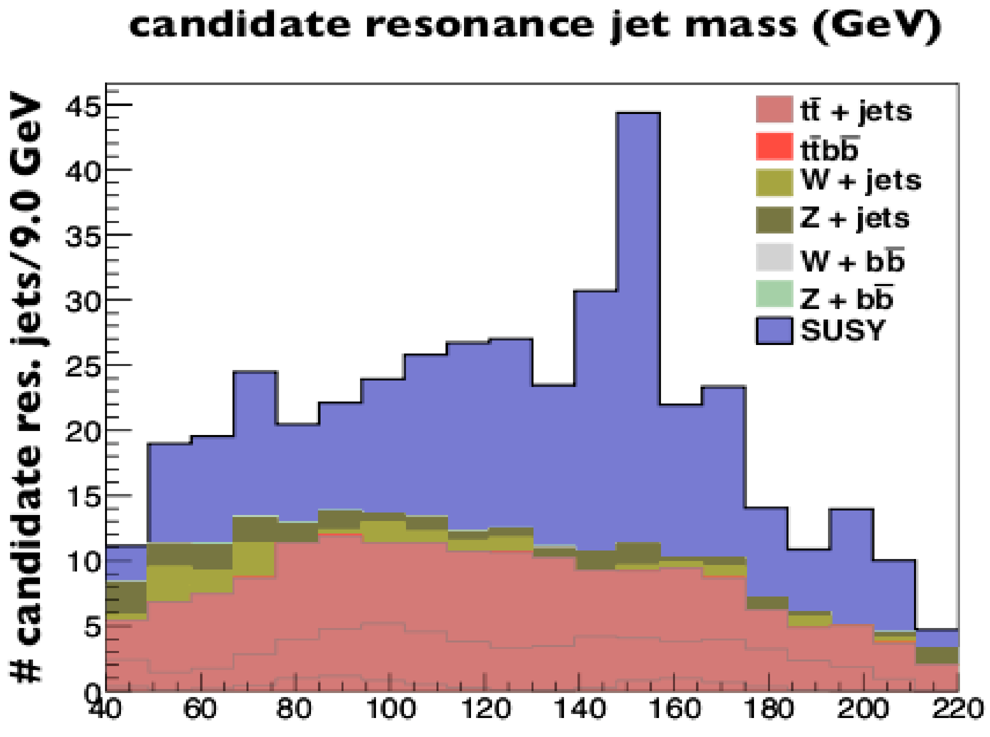


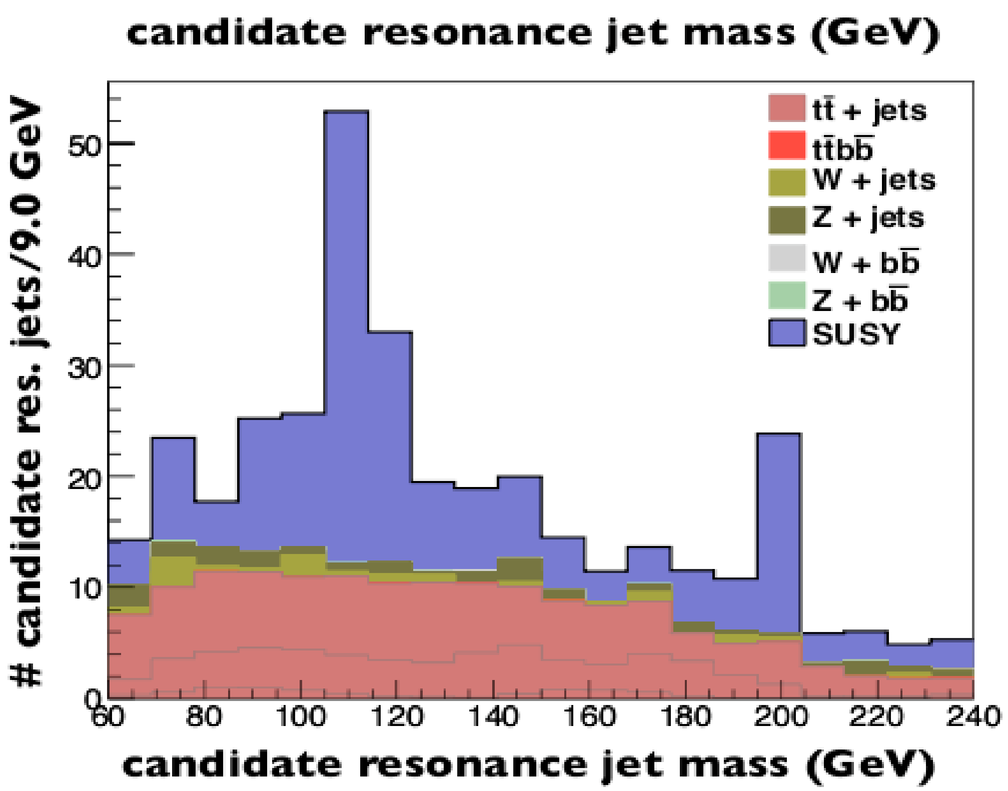
$M_1 \lesssim \mu$ shuts off bino -> Higgsino decays

shuts off RH squark to Higgs cascades, reducing the signal rate

Neutralino LSP Results: #2

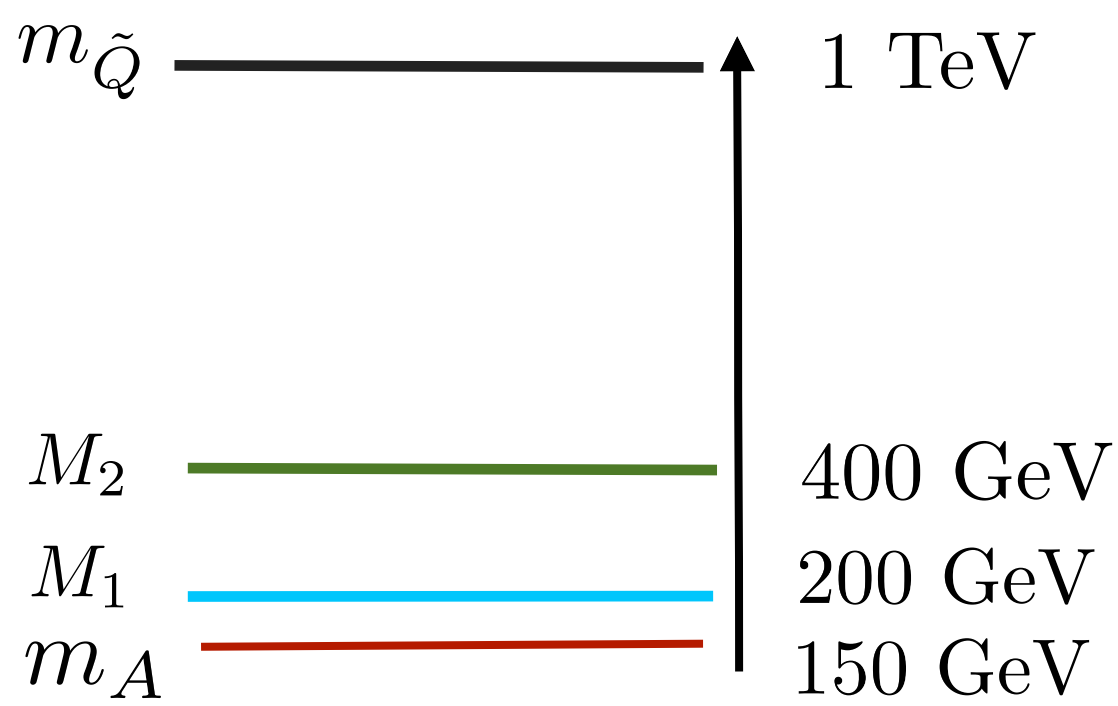
$\mu = -150$ GeV, $\tan\beta = 6.5$





$\mu = 200$ GeV, $\tan\beta = 5$

technique holds up at low m_A and $\tan\beta$, where traditional approaches have the most trouble



Can even discover heavier A,H states!

MSSM Higgs Comments

We've used the MSSM as an example source of Higgses from BSM, but the technique is by no means limited to this

Ingredients:

- new, heavy particles who's decays include Higgses
- Higgs which decays primarily to b b-bar
- some handle to suppress SM backgrounds (high-p_T particles, $\not{E}_T$)

MSSM Higgs Comments

We've used the MSSM as an example source of Higgses from BSM, but the technique is by no means limited to this

Ingredients:

- new, heavy particles who's decays include Higgses (see Jessie's talk)
- ~~Higgs which decays primarily to b b-bar~~
- some handle to suppress SM backgrounds (high-p_T particles, $\not\!\!E_T$)

Conclusions

- Using jet substructure techniques, can find boosted $h \rightarrow \bar{b}b$
  - brings back W/Z + h mode in SM
  - can be extended to work in busy environments

- MSSM Higgs must be light, decays mainly to b-bbar

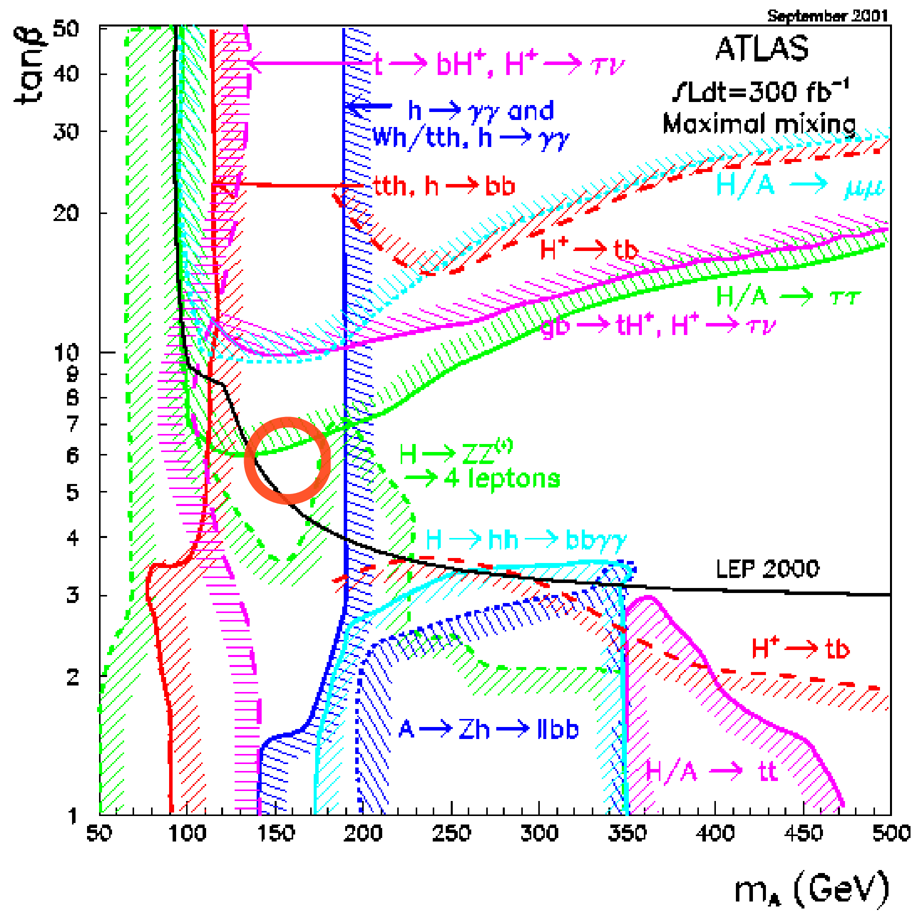
- Higgses from sparticle cascades have potentially large rate, high boost --> ideal for substructure

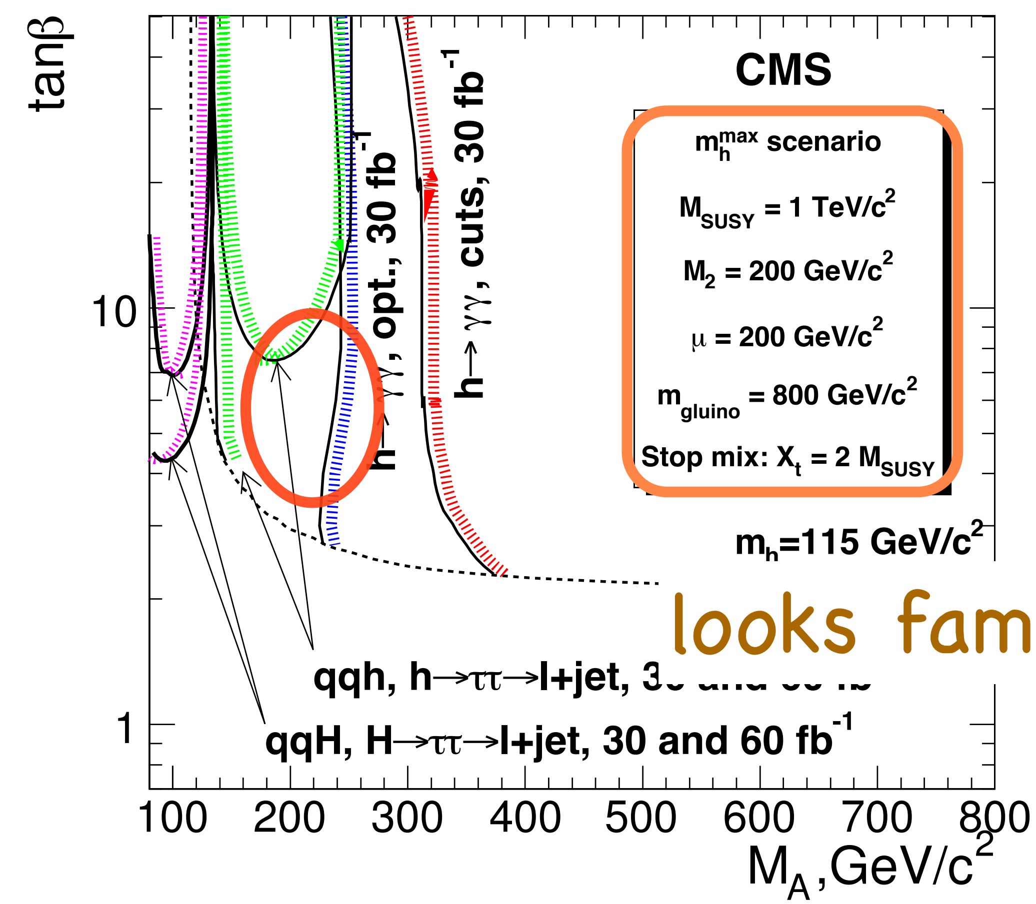
- For a wide range of SUSY parameters, cascade-Higgs discovery channels can easily be as significant (or more so) than conventional h -> $\gamma\gamma$, h -> $\tau\tau$ (H/A discovery too!)

BACKUP SLIDES

What's the next step?

- how does substructure change the usual Higgs discovery plots?





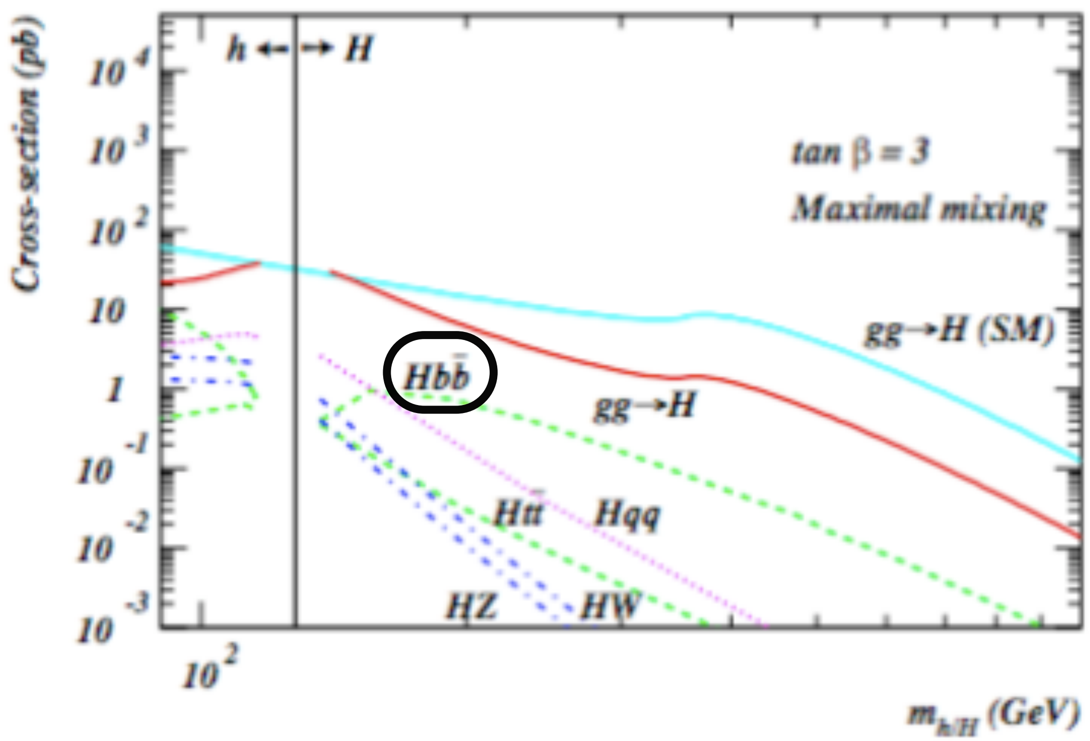
looks familiar!

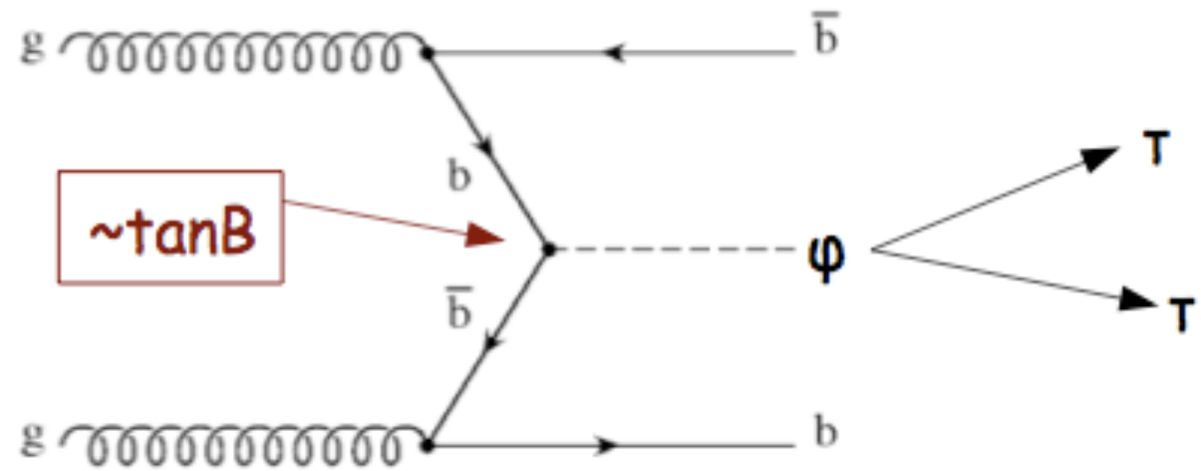
- Possibilities at 7 TeV?

- + full detector effects

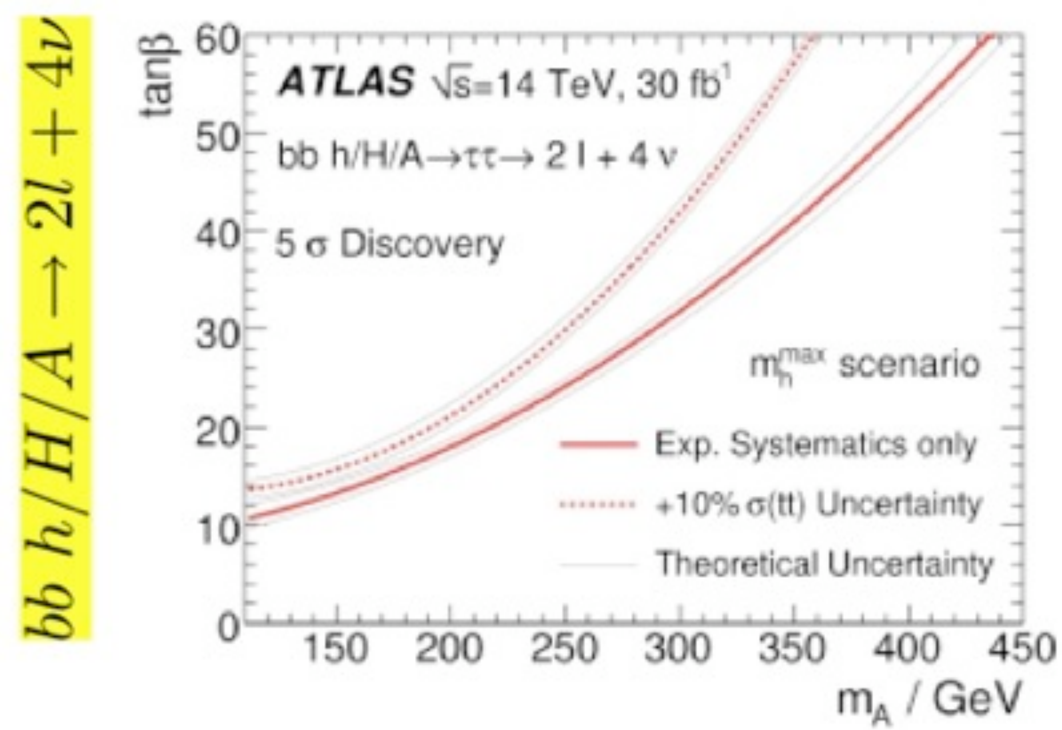
Higgs searches in the MSSM

- conventional searches focus on Higgses produced in association with SM particles



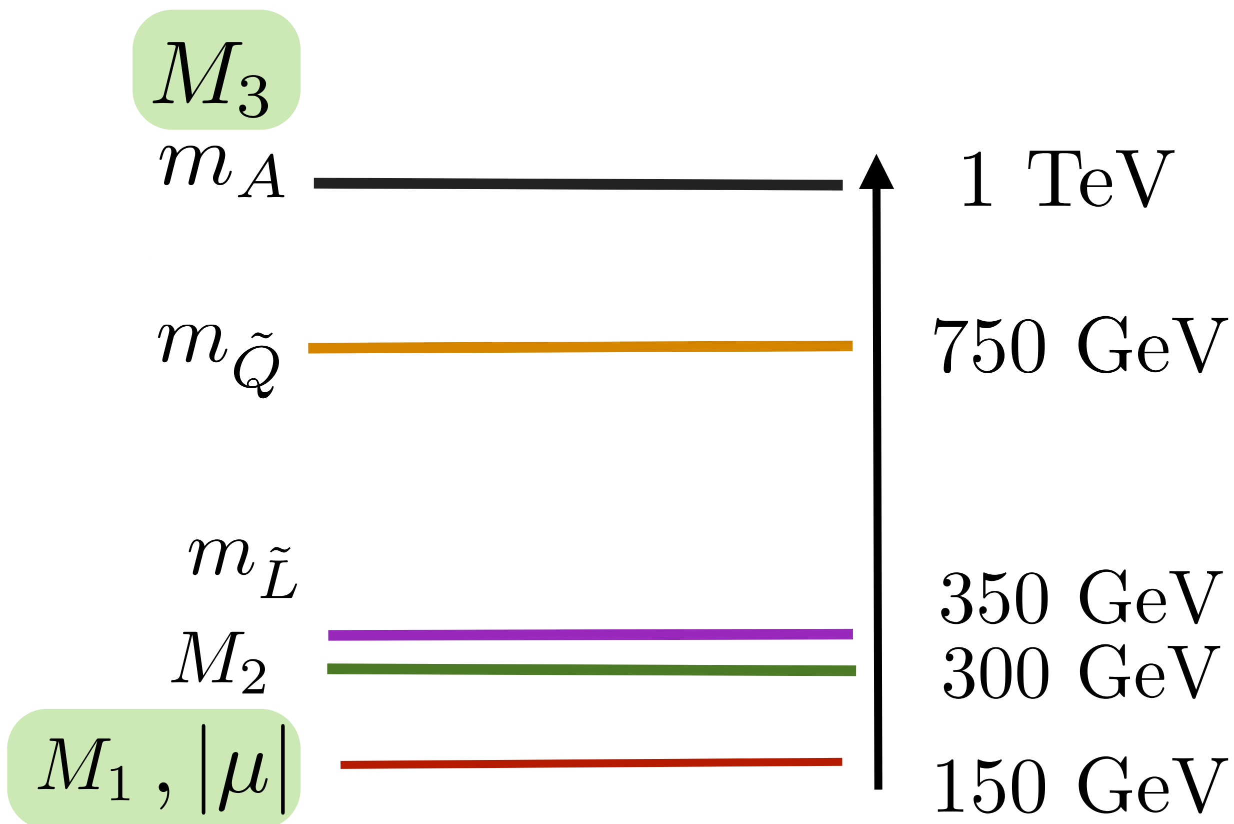


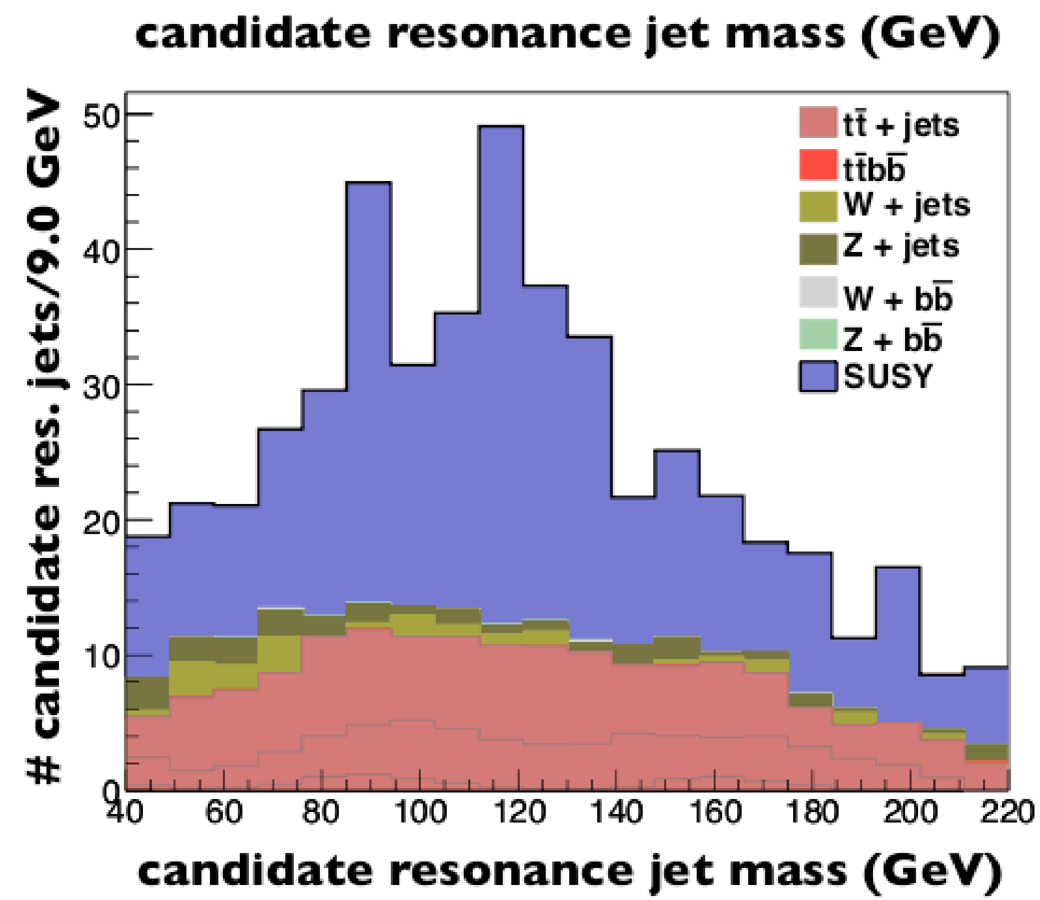
unless $\tan\beta \gg 1$ and light m_A,
no real improvement over SM
light-Higgs discovery



Neutralino LSP Results: #2

even busier final states...





contamination from extra partons, but Higgs peak still visible

improvements?

Why hasn't this been done before?

One reason: mSUGRA-ism

$m_{H_u}^2 = m_{H_d}^2$ at the UV scale, but RG evolve differently

High mediation scale $\longrightarrow$ $\boxed{m_{H_u}^2 \gg m_Z^2}$

EWSB conditions, for large $\tan\beta$:

$$m_Z^2 = -2(\underbrace{m_{H_u}^2}_{\text{big, -ve}} + |\mu|^2) + \frac{2}{\tan^2\beta}(m_{H_d}^2 - m_{H_u}^2) + \mathcal{O}(1/\tan^4\beta)$$

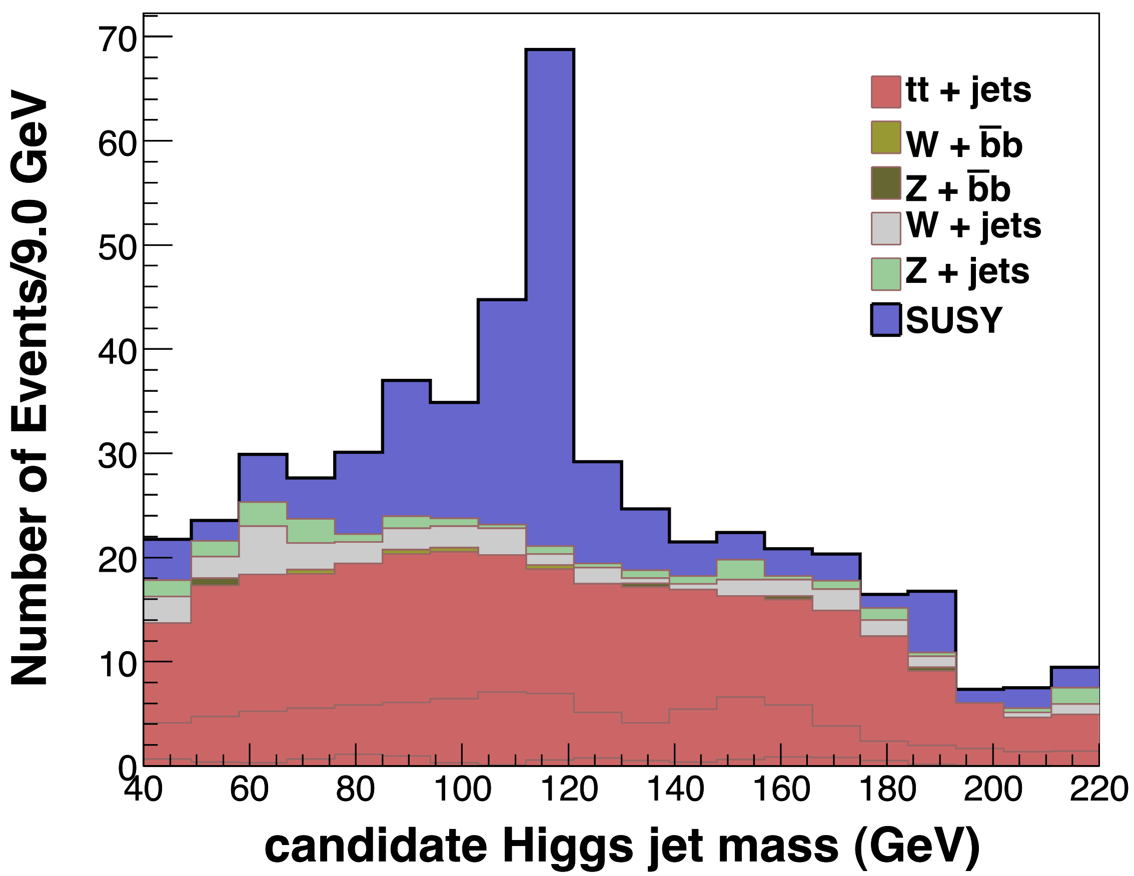
big, -ve
must be cancelled

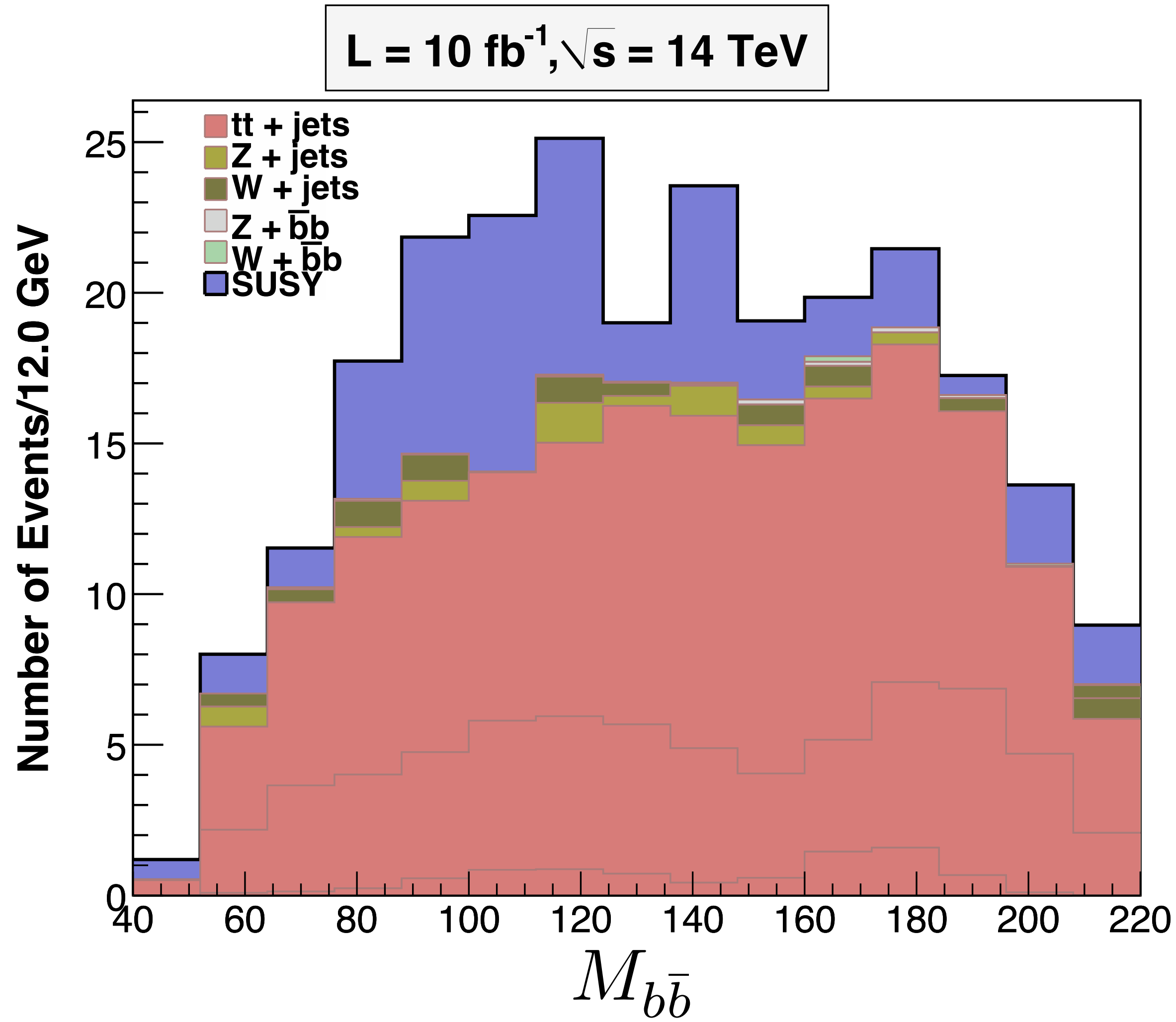
hard to get a big enough m_{Hd} from mSUGRA BC..

so, generically, $|\mu| \gg m_Z$ is needed $\rightsquigarrow$ not enough Higgses in decay chains

Neutralino LSP point, analysis comparison

Point #1, with substructure analysis and with PGS





$H_T > 1$ TeV, $\not{E}_T > 300$ GeV
2^+ high-p_T jets + substructure

$H_T > 1$ TeV, $\not{E}_T > 300$ GeV
4^+ high $-\, p_T$ jets, no leptons